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From Thursday, July 17th 1980 NBC News coverage of the 1980 Republican National convention in Detroit. Governor Ronald Reagan accepted his parties nomination this night. Coverage runs from 6:00 P.M E.T - 11:13 P.M E.T

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live from Joe Louis Arena in Detroit Michigan NBC News reports the 1980 Republican National Convention [Applause] [Music] now reporting from the NBC News Convention Center in Joe Louis Arena here our David Brinkley and John Chancellor and welcome to the final session of the 1980 Republican convention the squabbles are over unity now prevails in the Republican Party their ticket is chosen and tonight we will hear the acceptance speeches and the balloting the call of the roll of the states for vice president everything bad we presume is over David well we certainly hope this is the last session of course Harold Stassen has lost again the convention is somewhat staggered and still reeling from the confusing events of last night we have some new information about what happened and why it happened which we will bring you during the course of the evening and it is shall I say from the horse's mouth John yes all right from it if you will you will be seeing and hearing that later and and finally we have found out exactly what happened at why we are going to go down to our intrepid and splendid reporters on the floor if you saw what they did last night you must admire them as much as we do that kept

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admire them as much as we do that kept it straight all night and never got off the track never had any phony information beginning with Garrick Utley Garrick is David here we are again gluttons for punishment and the one question mark hanging over tonight's session was whether there would be a revolt by the more conservative Republican delegates protesting the selection of George Bush as Ronald Reagan's running mate the center of that revolt would have been here in the North Carolina delegation led by senator Jesse Helms he's been saying throughout this convention that if Bush were the choice that he would place his own name in nomination as a protest well today there's been a lot of back negotiating between Helms's forces in the reagan camp reagan and helms spoke by telephone at least once personally to try to settle the asian appeal appears the deal has been named reagan has invited senator Helms to speak in about 40 minutes now on the podium to address the convention two speakers mine say his piece is believed that he will get up perhaps take exception of the bush the nomination but agreed not to place his name the nomination so that there is at least the symbol of party unity tonight that doesn't mean that the bush forces are going to power the anti-bush forces there could be happy about it but they seem prepared to go along when the roll call vote comes to give Ronald Reagan the unity which is asking for after what happened last night will be following that down in the North Carolina delegation now over to Chris Wallace there's opposition to George Bush in several states in the South and West delegates who feel that Bush is too liberal too much a part of the Eastern establishment some of those delegates have joined up with Jesse Helms but the anti-bush movement never really got going today one reason is that the Reagan organization has been watching the

situation very closely all day a task force led by senator Orrin Hatch of Utah telling delegates that Bush really isn't that liberal and that this is no time to embarrass Governor Reagan the Reagan people doubt that even if Helms goes ahead with his challenge he can get the support of six states to place his name in nomination and even if he does they count no more than two hundred and fifty votes for him here on the floor but simply they say that the so-called Helms challenge is firmly under control

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Helms challenge is firmly under control now a Tom Petty Crescent appears that the whole Ford maneuver had something to do with Bush and his acceptability to the very conservative delegates of this convention this is not to say it was a charade but I was talking this morning when that meets Reagan's chief of staff and Bill Casey his campaign manager and discussing what the fourth but overdid for them even though four decided not to go on the ticket it did this it demonstrated to the ultra conservatives here that they had tried very very hard to get for the man and the party most acceptable to all Wang's here at this convention so they feel that there was some good fallout from the procedure with Ford even though they didn't get him they did persuade the delegates who they think they persuaded the delegates that they tried as hard as they could and that the second best man for them they thought was bush part of a selling job in a it is selling now to taco versus you know Republicans of all stripes today even some prominent Republicans who were out on a limb last night saying that the Reagan Ford deal had been struck her was very close to it well today there gamely trying to put the best face on things hoping that their embarrassment and the confusion of last night will fade very quickly one well-known student of the GOP said after all it could have been much worse someone else very close to Ronald Reagan said look on reflection we had to end it in a hurry because it was beginning to grow out of control and what would it look like to the rest of the country if it appeared that Ronald Reagan was negotiating the presidency giving up bits and pieces of the Oval Office so all in all they think that they can confine the damage still one extremely well-known Republican Party strategist said the lasting damage may be that the biggest charge that the Democrats will make against Ronald Reagan is that he is a simplistic man

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Reagan is that he is a simplistic man who cannot deal with a complicated situation and he begins his campaign by dealing with a complicated situation in a simplistic way and out of the book thank you Tom gentlemen and we're now going to go to the podium where Jessica Savitch has a report for us on what's going to be taking place here this evening Jessica John what could be happening what is happening right now is about to have a call John Rhodes coming out to take the gavel and what could tonight is something that we're talking about living earlier Jesse Helms getting up to speed Jesse Helms being nominated for vice president around the Senate Jesse Helms is known as a master parliamentarian he knows how to use the rules to his own advantage he may well do that here tonight it takes a majority of five states to nominate a president but anybody in this room who can get up and nominate anybody else in this country to be vice president of United States does Helms know that yes does he also know there could be demonstrations he knows that too what he wants to do is get an opportunity to take the floor and express his conservative even for this convention very conservative views and in fact earlier this afternoon which what do you want to do about this you're not going to be vice president why bother and he said I don't know what we would accomplish by it and express the views of those who have supported Ronald Reagan throughout the years who frankly are dissatisfied and George Bush that's why I kept an ear of corn atonium tonight back to the bay [Music] during the during the day Ronald Reagan and George Bush have been busy all over town they held a press conference together earlier today they have been doing all kinds of things which we are going to catch up on now beginning with Heidi Schulman who is at the Detroit Plaza Hotel Heidi David Ronald Reagan is now back in his hotel suite of the Detroit Plaza Hotel but this morning after he met with George Bush and talked with reporters about his vice presidential selection process Reagan decided he needed some time to get away from it all to get a

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time to get away from it all to get a little bit of privacy so he drove 25 miles from here to the comfortable suburb of Bloomfield Hills and the home of William Agee who is chairman of the board of the Bendix corporation there in the den of the AG home Reagan practiced the speech that he will give tonight to the convention using a teleprompter just like the one used in the Joe Louis Arena his wife Nancy joined him there later in the afternoon and at one point Reagan took a break from his work and took a 10-minute stroll around the neighborhood took a few hands of neighbors out there he then came back to the hotel we're told he will dine privately in his suite tonight with his family and is expected to leave the hotel at about 9:00 o'clock to go over to Joe Louis Arena there he will listen to George Bush's acceptance speech and then he'll deliver his own David Burrington has been following George Bush today and has a report on his day from the Pontchartrain Hotel this is one of the first days since Bush arrived in town that he's not been able to sneak away and do some jogging during his breakfast and lunch in meetings with Reagan one assumes that they talked a lot of things and among them all the behind the scenes maneuvering last night which led to Bush's selection but as second choice that's not a subject that Bush cares much to talk about saying that it's no problem the two men also discussed the differences that arose between them during the Kennedy primary campaigns which said that he also would like to de-emphasize that saying they'll stretch the common ground this afternoon Bush has been working on his acceptance speech and right now he's over at the convention hall supposedly doing some rehearsing that's about it except to say that George Bush had the appearance today of being the happiest man in Detroit David thank you David that's all there is as you have heard from our reporters some not a whole lot objection here to George Bush on grounds that they some of these Republicans here think he is a liberal I don't know how that that how that was arrived at apparently they think anybody wears a Brooks Brothers suit and does not know

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Brooks Brothers suit and does not know how to tie a tie as a liberal because there's no lifetime now they're always cooking funny they look at George Bush the next time you see well he's very conservative yes he is the one thing I think that did get some people upset with him is that he is he doesn't share this party's platform of view on a constitutional amendment against abortion and he is in favor of the Equal Rights Amendment but apart from that doesn't like the tech the way the arrogant aukes of cutting taxes but aside from that to list him as liberal is totally wrong in fact when George Bush began running in the primaries to no one's surprise because there are a lot of conservative Republicans who vote in Republican primaries he became more conservative than he had been before well I remember in the it might have been in Iowa in the very first caucus in January you were talking to it I was in New York you and Iowa that night and you said to him you're at least as conservative as Reagan and he said yes absolutely perhaps more so yeah and he is so that the opposition to him I confess is a little bit of a puzzle - do you think it might be a regional prejudice as much as anything else cultural regional cultural I think is a better word than regional - myself earlier today to resume the proceedings here earlier today I interviewed Gerald Ford about the events of yesterday somebody may write a book about that and certainly a chapter will be written about the fact that President Ford spent much of the day considering an offer made to him by Ronald Reagan to run for Vice President Ford's position was that while he didn't want to tamper with the authority of the presidency itself at all what he was interested in was enlarging the scope and responsibilities of the office of vice-president and so after the spending the day in consideration last night at

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the day in consideration last night at about 11 o'clock he went downstairs in the hotel one flight walked down the stairs and told Ronald Reagan what his mr. Ford's final decision was we'd like to play that part of the tape for you now here's Gerald Ford talking about meeting Reagan I went down to see him about 11:00 11:15 got the elevator here wrote down the line drop down you walked down the stairs one stone and he went in and saw him and may I ask sir what did you say to him I said governor despite all our efforts and despite the forthcoming attitude you've had I must say that in my judgment my original conclusion was right and I asked you not to consider me as your running and what was his response said Jerry I respect your decision I reiterated my support it was a very short meeting but that's about the summit substance I confess to being a

little puzzled and I'm not trying to Hector you believe me but around 9:30 you felt that it probably wouldn't work and you thought about it for an hour an hour and a half and came to that did anybody come in with other offers or is there any other element that that I don't know about I would recollect or I believe I am accurate that the staffs were still trying to do something and they'd go to see Governor Reagan and they'd come up to see you I don't know what his staff did with him and I can tell you that my staff was meeting with some of his people and they would report back to me and the more the details seem to focus on the actuality of considering a problem or a policy the more dubious I became could this arrangement with Governor Reagan had been brought about if they had started talking to you or

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if they had started talking to you or your staff and his staff had started talking say two or three days earlier it might have it might have but I don't want to create the wrong impression that there was any negligence on their part negligence on my part it might have if we'd had more time but conventions you know are the most disorganized gatherings of people every four years in the history of this country and this one last night is going to be absolutely yes well there was no fault no negligence I'm just saying if there had been more time it might have worked done so really what we're dealing with here is a sort of accident of history aren't we I mean if it had started earlier it might have happened but I may I conclude my observations for this when Betty and I came to this convention on Saturday we came one not seeking any office we came to reaffirm our support for Governor Reagan and we came to at least tilt our recommendations for George Bush I wasn't condemning any of the others but I the reasons I believed he would be the best thing we leave Detroit exactly the way we planned we would come we didn't want an office we don't have we reaffirmed our support for Governor Reagan and with pride and with conviction and we may have helped I don't know in getting the ticket as it is you look like a happy man to me mr. president I am John he's extraordinary at age 67 he looks 10 years younger he's in wonderful shape and I think he really is leaving here a happy man with one possible exception and that is that there's a lot of the old warhorse the

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there's a lot of the old warhorse the political warhorse and Jerry Ford and I think when he hears the bell ringing he wants to go sometimes I feel the bell rang in his Hall the other night he turned them on as no one has since and that has to be a very heady experience almost narcotic I think for somebody in politics well it must have got to him because he's been making political speeches by the dozens by the hundreds if not thousands for years we are going that interview ran about 25 minutes this afternoon you saw just a minute or two of it here during the evening we are going to be showing other parts in which he talks about the actual negotiations that he and the Reagan campaign had he talks about how all of this started back in Palm Springs last month when Ronald Reagan having won they all primaries he needed for this nomination came and called on mr. Ford at mr. Ford's home in Palm Springs and offered him the nomination for vice president Ford at that time said no he tells that whole story and we'll be having that in little pieces this evening David since it didn't work out with Jerry Ford Ronald Reagan of course as you know picked George Bush to run with him for Vice President our NBC poll it isn't so much a poll as a count I mean we didn't ask a small sample we asked nearly all of the delegates down here who they like for vice-president and the great majority said Bush nevertheless there are a number of opponents some bitter Enders here who don't like him don't want him and so on we're going to hear a little about that from our reporters on the floor now beginning with Chris Wallace Chris Turney Angela was the chairman of the delegation from Texas George Bush's whole estate mr. Angelo if there is some mixed reaction here to the selection of Texas's favorite son we had some disappointed delegates say we're strongly supporting other candidates and I'm not sure where they've gotten over their disappointment yet or not but well what don't they like about George what well I think you more than anything

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what well I think you more than anything it's if they like someone else better committed 100% to support the ticket in the fall and that's really what counts are there some feelings though that Bush is too liberal too much a part of the eastern establishment I think there's some of that feeling I honestly believe that ambassador Bush has been falsely caricature there is on the liberal side of things much more so than deserve who would your delegation liked to have seen chosen the majority of them indicated a preference for Jack Kim do you think that Bush will help the ticket in Texas I think will do quite well with George on the ticket and I expect that we'll be able to carry the state and beyond to help us substantially in other races in the state Bernie Angelo giving us the picture in Texas not a Tom Brokaw and in Illinois state representative Susan Catania an Anderson delegate you said what that if it had been Ford on the ticket you would have gone with Ronald Reagan if it had been Ford on the ticket and he had said what he's led us to believe that he thinks that is that er a ought to be ratified and that Three Mile Island does not prove that nuclear we come back here because guess what hard to make that Republicans are showing one of their selected short subjects every once in a while during the program they slide down a screen big screen over the podium and show a movie for what 30 40 seconds you want to look at it well yes let's have a look at the one party you are the delegates my name is George veal I'm from New York State I'm here because I believe Hispanics must participate more actively in the political process of this country I'm also here because we lack leadership in Washington and we need an alternative I'm convinced that that alternative is governor Reagan my name is Jack Sanderson I'm a farmer vocational agriculture teacher from Fremont Michigan I'm here because of the farm

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Michigan I'm here because of the farm policy Carter's farm policy he ought to know better he is a farmer my name is Juan plankton I'm a delegate from Laredo Texas and I'm here because I'm concerned about America I'm concerned about the economy the high inflation rate the high unemployment rate the lack of a comprehensive energy program and I'm also concerned about our foreign policy the lack of consistency and I think Ronald Reagan is the individual the man that will provide the leadership in the White House to solve these and many other problems [Music] that's the end of the movie they've shown a number of them they are very effective for party purposes but a little short on drama romance and suspense I thought it's a faintly partisan if you would you know Tom Brokaw was talking and the lights went out the lights are back on Tom a representative from the south side of Chicago in the state of Illinois I came here as an Anderson representative and last night began to think that maybe she could vote for Ronald Reagan if he had Gerald Ford on the ticket I was a Ford delegate in 76 and I think that Jerry Ford believes in the Equal Rights Amendment that he understands the problems of cities and that he might have said that the platform was not all that good however last night Governor Reagan said George Bush supports the platform across the board platform is not what the majority of the American people want the fact if you really are in a minority of a minority here aren't you as an Anderson delegate probably not going for this ticket I certainly am in a minority what do you think will happen this fall in Illinois with John Emerson contesting the likes of Ronald Reagan and George Bush I think moderate Republicans have no place to go

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moderate Republicans have no place to go but to John Anderson however since he's running as an independent he has to have a superb national campaign it needs to have a chance at winning even in his home state Illinois yeah he didn't do all that well against Ronald Reagan in their primary there no but that was only Republicans voting this time it's wide open all right thank you very much Susan Catania now let's go to Tom Pettit's Ohio State Representative Bill Batchelder is upset about George Bush what are you going to do about it well I'm already sure what we do about it at this point our I think our reservations really just turn on two points at this time and the first one is the economic plank in the platform how important it is it's really the centerpiece it's what's all of our people have been talking about you're talking about the 30% tax talking about camp Roth in some form that's right [Music] in the end of his campaign of course ambassador Bush expressed very strong reservations about that plank what's the other one well I think really the other one has to do with foreign policy in his identification with some of the more soft aspects of the foreign foreign policy he wanted Florida instead of the bush yes I think he gave us a lot of strength on the ticket and really largely

political motives mr. bachelor you think that Bush's presence on the ticket will hurt it in Ohio oh it's very difficult to tell because it'll help it in some areas where you have enclaves of people who are more well-to-do and so forth I think you'll be very strong you would have been part of the Helm's movement here tonight would do that well yeah I would have supported Jess out I'm sure really what happened to that how was that Squatch well I think what happened was there was a realization that this is what Governor Reagan wants and Senator Helms I think wanted to accommodate that and he agreed to give a little speech I understand he's going to say a few words that's right build that shelter of Ohio to garrick utley standing here with Tom Ellis in the North Carolina delegation mr. ELISA principal aid to senator Jesse Helms Tom Ellis you're worrying a stop stansson button okay you stopped Harold Stassen you haven't stopped George Bush why don't you and conservative Republicans like dude like George Bush Bush says he's as conservatives Ronald Reagan well

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he's as conservatives Ronald Reagan well I think that that is part of it certainly doesn't share the same philosophies Ronald Reagan and hasn't he made those views clear throughout the campaign but today he says he can't sure if he can run on this party platform which has been adopted but what is it specifically well you know the only thing you can tell about somebody is what their past record has been and up until this point he has not been a conservative now maybe he changes stripes I don't know what makes a conservative well one that shares the views that Ronald Reagan has been espousing over the years but if George Bush says he accepts the Reagan platform well you know it's easy to say that it's another thing to do it and all we can do is go on a man's past performances but there's nothing specific that you can offer as to why you don't like George Bush whereas you would love to have had Gerald Ford and Gerald Ford and Gerald Ford was promoting George Bush I don't believe I said I'd love to have Gerald Ford so what we were looking for was somebody that was a philosophic conservative appalled lacks all or Jack Kemper a Jessi him but when the vote comes tonight you think you could vote for George Bush if senator Helms says he supports that well I reckon we ought to be saying so but it'll go down mighty hard we'll know soon enough thank you very much Tom Ellis now back up to David Brinkley well there's a there is a contrary view on this and it comes from Bob Dole Senator Bob Dole who knows a little something about how elections are won and something about how they're lost his view is that he likes George Bush will vote for him he's glad he's on the ticket but he has a small problem in the fact that he finds him to be too conservative he said he would have preferred somebody of more moderate not liberal moderate views there's some what to balance the Reagan conservatism and to help make the party appealing to a broader spectrum of people so that as I say is from one of the senior Wester Minh and wardens of the party serves in the Senate has run for Vice President

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the Senate has run for Vice President himself has known something about it that's his view tonight of course we will have the acceptance speech by Ronald Reagan we will have George Bush's name placed in nomination for vice president and he will be elected we be nominated we might point out that in our poll of the delegates here in the hall the majority of them were in favor of Bush and so this these objections to him come from a minority Jessica Savitch on the on the podium has some information about what's going to happen tonight Jessica David I have some information on some vice presidential nominations all of the names that you heard mentioned his vice presidential possibilities may well be nominated tonight under the rules of this convention it takes no majority to make a vice presidential nod there's no required and so anybody can nominate anybody and frequently does it applies to both parties in this case so it's made for some some very interesting vice presidential nominations over the years back in 1956 at the GOP comment' convention there was a commotion called by a Nebraska delegate who attempted to nominate Joe Smith and it turned out there was no Joe Smith so the Chairman said take Joe Smith and get out and in 1976 a Republican delegate nominated Roger Staubach and in that year a Democrat nominated principal was draft evader but the biggest year for this kind of off-the-wall vice presidential nomination was a 1972 it kind of symbolized the chaos of the Democratic Party in that year these names were placed in nomination Archie

Bunker Martha Mitchell whose husband was a Republican Attorney General a Mississippi newspaperman who later went on to become State Department spokesman by the name of potting Carter the third any network correspondent by the name of Roger Mudd well not to be outdone Republicans in nineteen network a grammatical david brinkley turned the job down Jessica that was the start of a less than brilliant political career

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than brilliant political career Agnew got if I remember right they got 1485 votes I got one it wasn't a good second but it was second Nightly News will be along next and after nightly news at 7 o'clock Eastern Time will return to the convention coverage with a lot of information about what happened last night in the meantime we'll be back shortly [Music] now join decision ad NBC's coverage of the GOP National Convention already in progress but we're going to continue now with our special coverage including exclusive interviews with an interview with President Gerald Ford on what happened yesterday how Ford came close to accepting Ronald Reagan's offer to run on the ticket and then declining that in a meeting that took place last night around 11 o'clock this sequence of the story begins at about five o'clock in the afternoon when mr. Ford was in his suite on the 70th floor of the Detroit Plaza Hotel about a half a mile from the convention hall and on the floor immediately below was Ronald Reagan's suite on the 69th floor at this point the staffs of Reagan and Ford were meeting and discussing how the powers of the vice presidency could be enlarged enough so the mr. Ford would think it meaningful enough to accept a place on the ticket in the hopes that he could be something quite special in American history a sort of super enlarged vice president so let's pick it up now with what Gerald Ford told me today about the chronology of these

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today about the chronology of these events about five o'clock yesterday afternoon you have another meeting with the governor around five o'clock in the afternoon yesterday yes right a brief meeting very brief you tell us where it stood at that point well we through our representatives working on the the problems of the administrative organization and we talked in general and our impressions both of us were that that was a possibility so at five o'clock in the afternoon it was still on the track for people drawing lines on charts and no they didn't they were they weren't at that point but they were discussing words and responsibilities and so forth in the best I must say everybody was forthcoming everybody was doing an excellent job in the right spirit the both sides wanted it that's right what a letter have been sent or anything like that would you've had to sign anything in this I don't think we would have had to make it that formal John I repeat what I said a moment ago if we Governor Reagan and I had agreed on what our staffs had worked out I would have trusted him and obviously I think he would have trusted me right now we're getting to the most interesting part of the story from five o'clock in the afternoon until 11 o'clock at night six hours the breakdown or the realization that it couldn't be done came in that time period when did you realize that this it happened well I guess somewhere around 9:00 9:30 or thereabouts the people who had been working with me they had several other meetings with representatives from governor Reagan and we started to try and say here's a problem how would it work here's another

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problem how would it work here's another problem how would it work and when you move each step toward the decision of the final decision by the president we could see that even with the best of goodwill and I'm not just saying governor Reagan and myself but all of the staff the constitutional limitations or prohibitions or restrictions whatever you want to call them that establish the office of president vice president got involved in roadblock somehow and I will say this John from the outset I had a feeling that my political instincts told me that this was a great idea on paper but from my own experience of vice presidency and the presidency it had many many roadblocks down the way and by 9:30 10 o'clock or thereabouts those fears or apprehensions began to mount and at 11 o'clock last night about an hour and a half after those fears and apprehensions began to mount and mr. Ford's mind he walked down the one flight of stairs to Ronald Reagan suite and said

sorry it's off and this convention had been waiting six hours five hours for quite a different announcement and we're going to go down to the floor now and pick up the progress of this convention Senator Robert Dole is now nominating for the post of vice-president one of those is the man that I'm honored to nominate tonight I know him well we have shared

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tonight I know him well we have shared experiences having served in the Congress together and having both held the position as chairman of the Republican National Committee but I really got to know him better this past year I got to see him close-up watching as his character was forged in shape on the crucible that is our presidential selection process I watched as he reached out to Hispanics in Puerto Rico farmers in Iowa Auto Workers in Michigan and engineers in Massachusetts I watched and I thought here is a man who understands what this party must do to become what it must become the majority party in this nation [Music] as a young man he saw the flames of war spread across the globe and enlisted in the armed forces his services as a pilot earned him many decorations for heroism in the Pacific in his 20s he went to Texas with Barbara a great asset in this campaign and there he built a successful business from the ground up in his 30s he ran and won a seat in Congress in a district that had never before elected a Republican and once again he left his mark becoming a valued member of the House Ways and Means Committee in his 40s he began a second career in public service in the executive branch of our government where he served with exceptional skill as our American ambassador to the United Nations as American envoy to China and as director of Central Intelligence along the way even squeezed in a term is

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along the way even squeezed in a term is a very successful chairman of our party in a very difficult time for the Republican Party and now tonight and now tonight in his 15 he embarks upon a new journey to become the next vice president the United States the record ladies and gentlemen is long and distinguished yet the true market leader lies not in the titles he has held but the vision and hope he is inspired and let me also say he ran a positive campaign and uplifting campaign the kind of campaign that will be a vital asset in helping to ensure that Ronald Reagan is the next president of the United States experience honor vision these are the qualities that he will bring to our ticket and upon these foundations all of us can help to make the next president of our land Ronald Reagan one of the greatest presidents of our history and he will stand with Ronald Reagan and together they will fight to throw off the gloom and despair that had descended over our beloved country we can win this election by two ways my fellow Republicans and my fellow Americans who may be watching we can win it as a rejection of Jimmy Carter and all the mistakes we have come to associate with its administration or we can win it on our own by offering a positive alternative that promotes greater prosperity greater employment greater national security and a more compassionate way of helping those that

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compassionate way of helping those that want nothing more from life than a chance to join in the competition that is the American birthright whether we win is up to the American people whether we deserve to win is up to ourselves and the man I am about to nominate will help ensure that we deserve to win that victory he is a man of vision he is dedicated to making America America again we are not faced simply with an election in 1980 we are faced with a referendum on the American Way of life we're literally voting on our futures and on the kind of world we envision for ourselves and our children as we move into the 21st century I believe this man can build a better world just as he is built upon each of his varied experiences to move from success to success and let me say one personal word I say to the delegates under the alternates and the guests in this chamber I say to those who may have supported other candidates for Vice President I say to those who may have been other candidates for president this man deserves our nomination as vice president this man has

earned that right this man had your philosophy and let's make no mistake about it some of us have tried and failed summon asourian's have tried and succeeded this is not a time to stress our differences this is a time to stress agreement to talk about the unity in our party

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and so I say with all the sincerity I can muster it is my honor it is my privilege to nominate the next vice presidents George Bush [Music] again sports in the number of the primaries this year got soundly trounced by Reagan in most of it not by book he dropped out fairly uh he did [Music] and again in this interesting and curious convention Bob Dole was one of the ones who was working hardest yesterday to get Gerald Ford to agree to go on the ticket so this speech tonight that he's just given would have been given on behalf of Gerald Ford if he'd succeeded with a slight rewriting he could have used the same speech we'll be back in a moment but back in the convention hall where there's a demonstration in progress for George Bush who has been put in nomination by Senator Robert dole our understanding now is that that is the only name to be put in there are a few seconding speeches and that will be that in the meantime on our discussion of the events of last evening the decision that by Gerald Ford that he would not run

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by Gerald Ford that he would not run with Ronald Reagan for vice-president and the attendant complexities we will we will have more on that shortly but in the meantime we're going down to the floor to Tom Brokaw who was talking with Jim Brady about this he is of the Ronald Reagan staff Tom Jim Brady is a top hand as we call them you get a fancy long title director of public affairs or something like that that's right all right the top man close to the situation of the Reagan campaign we were just listening to former President Ford describing the situation is all being very low-key and very civilized and then just suddenly there was a realization that this was not going to work out on the other hand we've heard from various admirers and supporters and people close to the Reagan camp but the price became too high that former pres Caesar well time I think it could best be characterized that that as you know and publicly President Ford said something he's been negative on all along it was something that was worth trying it was unique it would have been an asset to unique asset to have a former president in that slot and the two men had some for face-to-face meetings back and forth and President Ford came down last evening after 11 o'clock and said that he thought he could best serve by being on the outside state on the outside campaigning for Reagan campaigning for the whole team because that was including him at that time that you were going to not give up with the arrest well I don't think it's so much that you know the presidency is not something you can negotiate there's only one president there can't be four hands on the wheel and I think that's basically yet how in the world did you get so many of your top political hands fluor involved in feeling that the deal had been struck we were just talking about it a moment ago governor's ray of Iowa and Thompson of Illinois I thought that there was a deal made you were saying bill Simmons who runs your

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saying bill Simmons who runs your political operation here had people coming up to him and saying it's all for the deal tonight how did you let that get out of hand well it'd be pretty hard to control last night someone said there should have been better communications with the floor but in a situation that fluid and and when people have other assignments on the floor you really can't do it on a moment-to-moment negotiation basis Jim why didn't Ahnold Regan just go to Gerald Ford and said what mr. for mr. Ford can we make a deal here and that's just you and I for about two minutes talk about the possibility of some good envisions that we might be able to get together on and get it resolved that way and do it quickly before it became so public and so confusing well it certainly reached a level of public awareness I think I think beyond either either camps ability to predict Jim Brady Director of Public Affairs as we say one of the top anju this is a real live insider folks who see it right here are on our hair and not a Gary Kelly in the Florida delegation with Tommy Thomas Riggins a campaign chairman in Florida and the head of the delegation mr. Thomas last night the conventional wisdom and the common enthusiasm was that Reagan Ford was the ideal ticket but do you

think that was ever a real possibility an unworkable possibility it might have been a possibility of a ticket but it would have been a very poor marriage I don't think would have been a practical answer at all it just wouldn't work why wouldn't it work well this country is not ready for co-presidents I think that President Ford would constantly have been upstaging President Reagan and it was just not a practical solution at all among these 2,000 delegates sir you are about the first one who has said this who had said that it just in practice wouldn't work during the campaign or in the past well I'm a businessman and the buck has got to stop somewhere there can only be one boss there can't be somebody standing around behind you second-guessing you then you make a

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second-guessing you then you make a statement the morning and he contradicts it afternoon if we think we've got chaos with Carter and Mondale that would have almost been as bad and I can't I can't imagine anybody being worse than Carter in mind he'll but that situation would have been unworkable Tommy Thomas of Florida thank you very much yeah now back up for John Chancellor picking up our narrative of what happened yesterday there were some wonderful little scenes that took place here and we know anything about them but for example last night at around I suppose 10 or 11 o'clock senator Dole whom you just saw nominating George Bush began to get worried that something was wrong that the deal was not on with Gerald Ford and he and Howard Baker in this tumultuous convention that was going on here he and Senator Howard Baker Tennessee left the hall ran outside trying to get to the Detroit Plaza Hotel and Baker's car was gone so they got over there in a police car they commandeered a police car went over to find out what had happened to talk to Reagan to talk to Ford and they got there in time to watch Reagan leaving the hotel on television there's a lot a million interesting little stories that last night David you've got some more on well one is I talked to Henry Kissinger today who was one of the negotiators if that's the word on President Ford's side if that is the term and he told us a little about how it was done it was necessarily done in an extremely confused disorderly way partly because whenever any of them needed to talk to somebody about a point that had been raised the chances were that the elevator was overloaded and you couldn't get it the phone lines are busy whoever it was you wanted to talk to you was out somewhere holding a press conference it was next to impossible to get the people together so that anything could be settled and agreed on and in addition to all of that none of them had had any sleep so here is what Henry

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had any sleep so here is what Henry Kissinger had to say about that in our interview today and third that there'd been another 20 blow the outcome would have been different but all of these discussions were compressed in a pan frame between 7:00 in the morning and midnight by people who had three or four hours sleep he did not ask for any specific appointment or power or control of this or that knowing President Ford I would be amazed if he did not express what he's expressing on every television interview which people he thinks are qualified for high office but was and that is value including myself but for that that you can see on every television program that includes him but that was not a condition it was not to the breakdown and I had personally on my own authority so the Regan through that under no circumstances could that be part of an arrangement because it would be inappropriate and then said the same thing the president thought and I know President Ford said the same thing to Governor Reagan so that no and this was five hours before the final [Music] failure of the discussion so there was never that was not an issue that had other meaning President Ford did not ask for the right to make any particular appointments that that is correct that was Henry Kissinger talking about the conditions physical and otherwise under which these negotiations about President President Ford running for vice president that is hard to say that President Ford running for vice president and how it got to be so difficult now where are we

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so difficult now where are we well you I'm going to talk a little bit more about what Henry Kissinger just called the final failure of these negotiations they the final failure came at 11:00 o'clock last night and when President Ford told Ronald Reagan that he had decided and he will hear him saying that in just a minute when that he has decided not to accept Reagan's offer that set into motion a number of things this convention at that hour was in turmoil nobody knew what to believe but most delegates believed that Gerald Ford would be walking into the convention escorted into it by Ronald Reagan and they would announce the dream ticket and the Republicans would go on to win everything from President to dog catcher but that didn't happen and now here is Gerald Ford describing that final meeting with Ronald Reagan I went down to see him about 11:00 11:15 drop the elevator he wrote down the rock down he walked down the stair at once turned and he went in and saw him and may I ask sir what did you say to him I said governor despite all our efforts and despite the forthcoming attitude you've had I must say that in my judgment my original conclusion was right and I asked you not to consider me as your runaway and what was his response said Jerry I respect your decision I reiterated my support it was a very short meeting but that's about the summon substance I confessed being a little puzzled and I'm not trying to Hector you believe but around 9:30 you felt that it probably wouldn't work and you thought about it for an hour an hour and a half and came to that did anybody come in with other offers or is there any other element that that I don't know about that I would recollect or I believe I am accurate that the staffs were still

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accurate that the staffs were still trying to do something and they'd go to see governor Reagan and they come up to see you I don't know what his staff did with him and I can tell you that my staff was meeting with some of his people and they would report back to me and the more the details seemed to focus on the actuality of considering a problem or a policy the more dubious I became could this arrangement with governor Reagan had been brought about if they had started talking to you or your staff and his staff had started talking say two or three days earlier it might have it might have but I don't want to create the wrong impression that there was any negligence on their part negligence on my part it might have if we'd had more time but conventions you know are the most disorganized the gatherings of people every four years in the history of this country and this one last night is going to be upset I thought list well there was no fault no negligence I'm just saying if there'd been more time it might have worked out so really what we're dealing with here is a sort of accident of history aren't we I mean if it had started earlier it might have happened but I may I conclude my observations with this when Betty and I came to this convention on Saturday we came one not seeking any office we came to reaffirm our support for Governor Reagan and we came to at least to our recommendations for George Bush I wasn't condemning any of the others but I the reasons I believed he would be the best thing we leave Detroit exactly

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the best thing we leave Detroit exactly the way we planned we would come we didn't want an office we don't have one we reaffirmed our support for Governor Reagan and with pride and with conviction and we may have helped I don't know in getting the ticket as it is you look like a happy man to me mr. president I am John they'll be talking about this last night's events in the Republican Party for the next 10 or 15 years and it would have been an interesting historical precedent no president has ever run for vice president we have this week been hearing from Bob Strauss former chairman of the Democratic National Committee and others talking about the Republicans doings in Detroit we're not having him tonight but he did say in Washington today about what the events of last night well they made a mess of one I have done the same thing myself I think it's a very strong ticket regular Bush will be back in a moment [Music] live from Joe Louis Arena in Detroit Michigan NBC News reports the 1980 Republican National Convention brought to you in part by McDonnell Douglas builders of the dc-10 now serving 90 nations flying a million miles a day [Applause] [Music]

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now reporting from the NBC News Convention Center in Joe Louis Arena here is John Chancellor well all unity and togetherness here in the convention hall tonight as the Republicans finish up their 1980 convention in a few minutes we'll have a roll call of states for the selection of a nominee for Vice President and David Brinkley and I think George Bush may just pull that one out and be nominated after that we will hear a rousing speech for mr. Bush and then the cap of the evening will be Ronald Reagan in his acceptance speech which for any politician is one of the most important speeches he could ever deliver David George Bush is in nomination he was nominated by Senator Dole now there are some seconding speeches and even though our polls showed that Bush was the choice of the majority of the delegates on the floor here there are some hard rock conservatives who were irritated to have him nominated they behaved almost as if Ronald Reagan had chosen Jane Fonda for Vice President however he is he's going to win shortly the roll call will begin shortly in the meantime we're going down to the floor to Garrick Utley who is talking to congressman Bauman of Maryland Garrick David one of the reasons the whole process of nominating George Bush is going very smoothly is that Jesse Helms of North Carolina has agreed not to place his name in nomination representing the more conservative Republicans in the reason he is not doing that is because of congressman balanced people with congressman Baumann you were the man who that large part of

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the man who that large part of discussions in the negotiation helps people and the Reagan forces today to solve this potential I think we ever intended to cause trouble but it was a simple realization of the fact that we have worked for years to nominate and to elect President Ronald Reagan and our conclusion was that particularly Senator Helms that this was the best way to bring conservatives into the fold who might be disaffected and to help Governor Reagan got elected so there was no real hard decision did you get any assurances from Ronald Reagan about his conservative policies we don't need any assurances from Ronald Reagan we got but this the predator speech that they would make the speech and take this form of action was personally approved by Governor Reagan in conversations I think if he had been nominated irani would have received several hundred votes here no chance that he would have defeated George Bush but many delegates are not totally satisfied and the fact that we were able to stand on that rostrum and Jessie was able to say that George Bush will support the platform in every particular and there's been a line inserted into his speech tonight to that effect you would not mind no one insisted on anything but the line was offered let us say it wasn't offered to us I just noticed when the speech poppers game down in Italy I see now but Jesse Helms still will get a few scattered votes on that's entirely possible a lot of people have affection for a man who stands on principle is he as he often does thank you very much congressman of Maryland now back to John Chapman the winner of this year's Brinkley Chancellor brevity award is about to appear on your screen Lowell Thomas senior made one of the seconding speeches here tonight for George Bush he said they have limited us to two minutes per speech he spoke for about half that time hooray for Lowell Thomas E he's on the floor with Tom Brokaw now sitting here

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floor with Tom Brokaw now sitting here in the front of the Michigan delegation he just asked me how many conventions I had attended and I told em again I said your first convention was when 1912 in Chicago that's when Teddy knocked off his pal president tab conventions were a little different in those days and they were in these days there are no electronic equipment smoke-filled rooms you know [Music] 7,000 people but not this size be a pretty good speaker to get your golf across your Republican mr. Tallis [Music] many years ago [Music] I had a sponsor developers - oil was accused and they were the principal backers the Republican Party and one day when I was paying my respects to them someone across the Roma the head of a few family but my politics any part of Molly said I think that I think Lola's an anarchist how old are you [Music] see someone told me yeah does come from [Music] I've just come from Moscow why were you in Moscow taking a look at the Olympics she's doing some Europe or no one of my pals is the president ambassador Tom Larsen and we've done a lot of singing together and he's a very generous fellow and he likes to throw

birthday parties for me and he insisted on my birthday party being in Moscow it's so grand a view we're gonna throw it back to John Chancellor could you give us your famous sign-off as you do that yeah hello John

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sign-off as you do that yeah hello John and so long until tomorrow thank you wonderful wonderful 89 years old and going strong sounds exactly as he did when I first heard him it about I don't know the age of 10 and he's an inspiration to us all we really should give him the brevity award too because he got up on the platform made a speech said all that needed to be said set it nicely and did it in one minute we'll be back after this [Music] back in 1975 I made a film using a 75 Ford LTD this is my 1980 Ltd quite a contrast believe me outside much leaner smaller its roomier inside and so comfortable and more surprises over 50% better estimated gas mileage with an automatic overdrive option you can't find uncompetitive American built cars see the 1980 Ltd soon you'll be impressed by what Ford has done to make this car act a lot smaller when I've got minor arthritis pain I need help so I turn to the warming power of AB in game Benji's got warming through I apply right where it hurts I rub in bengay and feel like glorious warming power really deep drawing the pain right out of four hours of relief no wonder bengay is America's number one selling arthritis rub it's got warming power when arthritis pain grips you break the grip of pain with bengay summer diaper floats and plays time to get 10 and get ticks this summer protect your pet home and family get your dog or cat the hearts 2 and 1 plus collar the first collar to kill fleas and ticks for five full months its fast-acting odorless ingredients won't flavor eyes stays on your pet the farts

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flavor eyes stays on your pet the farts color works even if it gets wet summer time to get your pet the hearts 2 + 1 + : - acceptance speeches are scheduled for tonight one by George Bush and later the final speech of the convention by Ronald Reagan and the odds are very high that they will both accept and that demonstrations spontaneous of course will follow these are being organized now judy Woodruff who was on the perimeter of the Joe Louis Arena has a report about that Judy yes we have a little activity out here in the perimeter David I'm talking with Ed Vogel from California he is one of the youthful Reagan delegates and David Brinkley was just saying that this is a spontaneous demonstration you're gonna have it's not really spontaneous though it well not totally but just about we're gonna have a good time we brought in several people young people out from across the country to participate and have a good time in the convention this one way they can do it what are you doing out here right now you've got these signs printed up and you've got those hats with the Reagan headband and so forth what are you what are you giving the people who are gonna be marching around well we're giving them signs and hats and a couple of noisemakers and telling them to have a really good time they're all really happy that Governor Reagan's been nominated and they're gonna show it nobody brought his own his own noisemaker or hats or so forth it's all being provided know we've been painting signs and all week long out at the University I think a lot of people have noticed a lot of homemade signs both at the governor's rally on Monday when he arrived and throughout the convention week and all those about 8,000 of them it looks like you did a professional job we've been talking with Ed Vogel a youthful Reagan delegate back to the booth thank you Judy let's go down to the floor now the roll call of the states has begun for selection of a nominee for vice president Colorado cast 28 votes for George Bush two abstaining and one vote for Eugene Schroeder the founder of the

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for Eugene Schroeder the founder of the American agriculture movement Colorado 28 votes for George Bush one vote for gene Schroeder two not voting Connecticut 35 votes mr. chairman Connecticut the state that gave us US senator Prescott Bush proudly casts 35 votes for one of its own the son of u.s. senator Prescott Bush and a next vice president of the United States the Honorable George Bush [Applause] [Music] Connecticut's 35 votes for George Bush Delaware 12 votes mr. chairman to announce the Delaware vote I present delegate Frank to Monday mr. chairman we have Delaware proudly cast 12 votes for George Bush

Delaware 12 votes for George Bush District of Columbia 14 votes the District of Columbia whose delegation consists of an equal number of men and women whites and minorities old and young wishes to enthusiastically cast all of its 14 votes for a great man and the next vice president of the United States George Bush District of Columbia 14 votes for George Bush Florida 51 votes before casting our vote Florida would like to point out one oversight of this

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point out one oversight of this convention and announced its appreciation for a great United States congressman who has not appeared here Florida salutes Phil crane [Applause] our vote is 47 votes for Bush 3 abstentions and one opposed 27 3 and 1 would would you repeat that please [Music] would Florida delegation would determine of the Florida delegation please repeat that vote 47 first 3 abstentions and one opposed he didn't say who the hell he opposed Florida 47 votes for George Bush for not voting Georgia 36 votes mr. chairman Georgia cast 22 votes for George Bush Tom Brokaw down on the floor has found an interesting lady and he wants to talk to her and we want to hear it Tom thank you David this is Kathryn hire Holzer delegate from Ohio sitting on this floor voting for Ronald Reagan is the Republican presidential nominee and the first time that she met him was under slightly different circumstances isn't that right right in Fort Wayne Indiana where I was receptionist at the General Electric Company yes that was not long ago 26 years ago and did you know who he was when he walked into the door of course I did and what did you think about it I thought he was very personable and he was doing Community Relations and he did an excellent job of it did you say to yourself Batman one

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it did you say to yourself Batman one day is gonna be the Republican presidential nominee no but I thought he'd climb yeah we're gonna show you a picture if we can right here there is Ronald Reagan how are we doing with that oh there it is right there Randy if you just take a look at that Ronald Reagan 26 years ago [Music] and look at it he doesn't look a whole lot older than he does today Torrio whole lot younger than he does no I think it looks very much like he does today that's a remarkable thing now Catherine which one are you you want to point out okay Catherine hire Holzer Republican delegate from the state of Ohio voting for Ronald Reagan for the Republican presidential nomination 26 years ago 26 years after she met him as a General Electric receptionist in Fort Wayne Indiana what a thrill it must be but it's real for you yes it is it really is so thank you very much and I know you'll treasure that picture you don't want to give that one that's right thank you thank you now that I'm better well Tom we're here with funny hats in the main delegation the main people don't think they're so funny I guess Barry Putnam right yes no isn't that had silly had to be wearing no I don't think so this hand symbolizes one of the most of the product that were most proud of the man which is lobsters and it's a head that has got a lot of attention and we were surprised the live states knew what they were right off what are they exactly the sound Western there's saw Westers okay this is Russell over here yeah screamed it up Doris Russell is that it yes from where in Maine Castine Maine and you thought this idea that's the home of Maine Maritime Academy we dream merchant seaman looks kind of weird don't you feel silly wearing a head like that no I find they're awfully Pleasant that convenient I like in one thing because I can locate all of my delegation where they are or where they're up in the balcony no I think they work very good we've got a lot of attention yeah I was

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we've got a lot of attention yeah I was a sensible had down below ragged head three elephants two flags she's had a lot more pictures taking her her than I sell some lobsters to thank you where's Derek and Guam here we are in Guam right behind Porto Rico at the rear of the convention hall talking to Pedro Perez guam's delegation chairman who just cast four votes for George Bush we call them the four most expensive votes in this convention that is correct how much did it cost to come here for each of you approximately \$3,000 for each and you come \$3,000 for each of the delegates and you never really in the limelight here well so far I'm I'm glad that there we are making up for for the past few days I know at every convention we often hear the

phrase Brahmas for america's day begins but there any political problems you try to push along here and does anybody listen to you that affect you on Guam yes like for example our biggest problem now is the dumping of the nuclear waste in our own backyard without anybody ever consulting to us and that's one our biggest problem now does anybody listen to you do you take it to the platform committee well we have where brought that to the attention of some of the leaders here and we are also we are we have also brought it to the existing an administration in Washington you haven't gotten any action now favorable actions you're going back to Guam well we are going back to Guam and the same and and I hope that through the media that we will be heard and laced by the people if the administration will not here as a list of people will hear us well this is probably the only time your message is getting across this convention it certainly wasn't in the Republican platform thank you very much Pedro Pires of the Guam delegation the four most expensive votes at this now up-to-date and friendly delegates coming here pay for everything themselves you know we've been asked about that they do they pay all their own expenses and and the amount depends on how far you have to come to get here

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on how far you have to come to get here they came the farthest I think they told us the average is about a thousand dollars per person the airplane hotel and so on at the far end of the Joe Louis Arena in what they call the VIP section is Frank Sinatra who normally when he is on a hall with this many people sings I did it my way tonight he is sitting quietly listening to others we'll be back in a moment [Music] aspirin intake is probably up by now at this hour in this convention on its fourth day and one delegate who supported George Bush who has had his ups and downs in the Connecticut delegation said I can't take it one minute the Pitts and the next right on top I just can't take it well they won others didn't on the floor Chris Wallace that's right John I'm in the Indiana delegation with Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana and let's be brutally frank about it you were one of the losers this week do you feel like a loser no I feel like a winner Chris we had a wonderful opportunity to say a lot of things and anyone who's interested in public issues needs a forum and an opportunity and so I'm grateful to governor Reagan for considering me and giving me the opportunity really for this week you've got a lot of free publicity this week are you better known do you get the feeling more people are recognizing you I think so and I'm and others are making that possible one of the things people were saying about you this week that wasn't so nice as they said Richard Lugar is boring are you boring well I don't think so I've had a reasonably a controversial life I hope things have been resolved happily in most instances but it is a been a rather adventurous if not spectacular existence do people tell you to be more exciting though some of your age no I think anybody who's worked with me is

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think anybody who's worked with me is found life very exciting and then do person maybe a wider assortment will find that too is George Bush a good choice for the ticket yes he is a very sound choice he'll be an excellent candidate has been all here surely the consensus choice of this convention would Richard Lugar have been a better choice well that says in the eye of the beholder and there was just one judge I think he's made a good decision Senator Richard Lugar thanks very much maybe he'll be mentioned again in four years back to the booth this is George Bush leaving a hotel I think it's the punchline where he has been staying to come over to the convention hall and where the Secret Service has been blocking off the elevator so we can't get in and out that's right his speech is scheduled in about an hour and 20 minutes we've we've got some other business to account to go through here before but that's the crowd in the hotel lobby the Pontchartrain is has been probably less crowded than most of the of the nearby hotels until Bush arrived there and then it suddenly crowded up but and one of those who was involved in the negotiations for / on President Ford's side yesterday with the Reagan camp was congressman Richard Cheney who used to be chairman president I'll start that again one of the people who was involved in the negotiations yesterday on behalf of President Ford was his former chief of staff now a congressman Richard Cheney we've got an interview with him in the Wyoming alternate section with Dick Cheney asking what finally caused it all well I don't know for certain time because I was here on the floor at the time that that happened it seems to me that the both made a good-faith effort to try to put it together but in the end they simply weren't able to meet the

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they simply weren't able to meet the various requirements of both of them had they do you think it was a serious proposition well I would have said 48 hours before that there was no way to put it together then during the course of the day yesterday it was clear that the governor was very serious about making the effort and that President Ford was willing to consider it some of the ideas constitutionally somewhat I don't think there was a constitutional problem with it I think that the bottom line is that can only be one president at a time I think it was clear in this particular instance that ultimately they were unable to work out an arrangement that was satisfactory no it would have been a unique situation in history to have a former president serving his vice president I do think they both made a good-faith effort only got to be committed on that but in the end it didn't work and I was frankly somewhat ambivalent on it I thought it would have been a great ticket but on the other hand it would have been off in asking an awful lot of President Ford and he's already done a great deal for the country and it was it was difficult for us to ask him to go that extra step and put himself back in the position of being a vice presidential candidate again politically wasn't President Ford responsible for dragging it out as long as it was dragged out yesterday where was that Reagan's for I don't think was anybody's fault I think if you'd had to have an early decision the decision probably would have been no and I think both parties were willing to consider it through the day to see if it wasn't possible to find some accommodation did your impression that the Governor of California really wanted to afford a Ramos studying friars I think they both were willing to explore the possibility obviously in the end and the governor wasn't willing to accept him in any price because they were they were unable to work it out thank you sir thank you Tom Richard Cheney congressman Wyoming former chief of staff for President Ford George Bush's arrived it more pushing to ride and on cue George Bush is riding well he waited to hear Tom credit say that it's only about a hundred two hundred yards I'm here today a bunch of training but

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I'm here today a bunch of training but the entrance they're using is on the far end of the hall and so it is a little bit of a trip he will speak first of course there will be a little demonstration and then Ronald Reagan will arrive and make his acceptance speech and that'll be that George and Barbara Bush have been in motorcades since January in the Iowa caucuses when all of this began it's a strange life that candidates lead it is really not their own there is very very little time for them with all the primaries that we had this year going from state to state motorcade the motorcade this scene repeated endlessly until the mind has to real it is just so divorced from reality that it's hard for ordinary citizens to understand it John I talked once and I can't remember that which one it was and doesn't matter a campaigning candidate who was going from town to town to town to motel to motel the great silver state of Nevada which had the great pleasure of placing and nomination the name of Ronald Reagan last night as president is also proud to cast all seven team votes or George Bush Nevada 17 votes for George this may bring him the necessary votes he's I guess he's oh no he is not mr. chairman New Hampshire the fastest growing state in the Northeast makes its contribution to a winning team by casting all of its 22 votes for George Bush New Hampshire 22 volts so

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George Bush New Hampshire 22 volts so the circuit is now complete and the parliamentary and legal obligations have been met six votes mr. chairman New Jersey is the home of Pat Stewart as co-chairman of its unified delegation I yield to Nicholas Brady New Jersey enthusiastically and unanimously cast 66 votes for George Herbert Walker Bush New Jersey we saw up on that tally congressman Phil crane I'm not sure that there were any votes on that tally for congressman Phil crane their work and but he's here in the hall not very happy about things as I understand right now before we get into that Chris Wallace who is in the VIP section I have as a well-known yes Chris that's right it's the chairman of the board Frank Sinatra along with mrs. Sinatra you've been to conventions before haven't you I've been to a few yes I have quite a scene isn't it oh yeah it's been exciting it usually is I mean we know pretty much what's coming all the time but it's still a pretty exciting moment well the fact I think it comes every four years rather than every year you're a big Ronald Reagan fan aren't very big he's an old friend and I'm delighted he was nominated and I think you make a

wonderful president now you were once a liberal Democrat and I guess I become more conservative over the years some people say that's true of the country why is that I think maybe the liberal approach didn't work as well as it should've and I think maybe a lot of us have moved away from it they didn't then fulfills a lot of the promises who were supposed to some people say that Governor Reagan isn't qualified to run the country because he used to be an entertainer no I don't

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used to be an entertainer no I don't believe that I don't believe that Harry Truman played the piano Nixon played the piano they could entertain you out so I don't think that means anything you're gonna sing at the inauguration I don't know I have been asked yet I will I be honored to be at the bid to do it if I may ask me Frank Sinatra thanks very much okay not a Garrick Utley on the tour with congressman Phil crane of Illinois who has received a vote for the vice presidential nomination the first vote cast by Alabama you ramp the presidency there are some Flyers around here for the vice presidential spot your supporters put out and yet you were the one presidential candidates in the past primary season who has not been invited to speak here how do you feel about this well I think it was a personal slight to me and a greater slight to a lot of people on the floor of this convention hall there are many people here work very diligently and my behalf and many more who referred one of the other candidates but I was their second choice and locked me out of an opportunity to speak to them and obviously they were supportive and I think further that it's tacky thing to do now your message however some people argue has gotten through you were some before saying earlier in there you were running in case Ronald Reagan faltered you had more or less the same political line and you would pick up the Reagan pieces that didn't happen do you have anything you disagree with Reagan are you unhappy politically let us say as opposed to some personal unhappy no no no I'm not unhappy with Ronald Reagan's nomination at all and in fact as soon as I got out of the race in April I urged all of our people still in the primary to get behind Reagan and support him I did it for Reagan in 7576 I did it for a gun in 68 and I don't have any trouble at all and I've indicated to him after the convention that I will go anywhere he asked me do to help campaign for that so good bill crane from Illinois thank you very much now over to Tom Brokaw Alan Greenspan former chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors for

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Council of Economic Advisors for President Ford last night one of the principal negotiators with the Reagan staff about any kind of a possible arrangement between President Ford and Ronald Reagan on the ticket what's the biggest distortion as you have seen it thus far in the descriptions of those negotiations I think the concept of as we now call the shared presidency is an extreme exaggeration of what in fact was going on there was never any intention or any discussion of changing the constitutional / auditors of the presidency and the only alterations that were being involved in an enhanced vice presidency really represented shifting of various managerial functions which would allow the vice-president to do the types of things which probably is inappropriately now being done by the chief of staff he wanted him to be some kind of an operational man and let the president be the chief executive officer that's exactly right now did you ask for specific delineation of duties for mr. Ford under this we had only there wasn't any requests we were in the sense of discussions and in those discussions which in fact all individuals participated we were trying to take a general point of view which we all shared and tried to put specific elements of it to the test we mean you'd say for instance if we were to agree to do this would you let mr. Ford be in charge of this area no not at all in fact that is negotiation and conditions but we were discussing was the fact of what this type of enhanced vice presidency would imply there were no negotiations that went on in that sense all right Alan Greenspan who was one of those principal negotiators last night had had this place a stir and tonight

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had had this place a stir and tonight appropriately enough he's wearing a tag that says entertainer I don't know does that mean that you qualified for it after last night apparently thank you very much Alan Greenspan how did David Brent like it's a badge it gets him into the hole it is some people will do anything to get in the

hall I found some of his ideas kind of entertaining I must say I think the whole business of the a reworked vice presidency if this convention did anything and a lot of people think it will elect Ronald Reagan and they think that's something but if it does focus on the question of the vice presidency and if some Commission can be formed or some wave be found to enlarge the office of vice presidents I think that would be a very good thing if it could be done but it is very difficult we were agreeing last night we never did report that Ford had made the deal by the way I would like to point that out because it is it would be so difficult to do it the president's constitutional prerogatives are very precisely spelled out there is it spells out nothing for the vice president except to preside over the Senate and his duties are whatever the president chooses to give him and anything he doesn't want to do he doesn't have to do he's a totally free agent so it was would always have been seen as difficult and as it turned out it was impossible we'll be back in a moment [Music] well congressman Jack Kemp of New York was a big name here at this convention yesterday when and the day before when it appeared that he was on Ronald Reagan's short list to be the vice presidential nominee tonight so far in the balloting for the vice presidential spot Kemp has received and it isn't over yet but he has received only 33 votes well that's politics you see it there now Bush 1497 Kemp 33 if Ronald Reagan's

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now Bush 1497 Kemp 33 if Ronald Reagan's decision had been different those names might be reversed and those numbers might be reversed in any case congressman camp is with Chris Wallace on the floor my move is never here wait congressman Schock camp of New York who as you say was on the short list now it's it's all over any sense of disappointment no it's not all over at all I think 1980 is gonna be a tremendous year I'm excited about our platform Chris and particularly excited about the reagan-bush candidacy and I think it's a it's an opportunity for the Republican Party for the first time in a long time to go into the cities go into the Northeast go into the blue-collar areas of this country go to blacks and Hispanics and really have a platform and a candidacy that is going to appeal to people as people as opposed to special interests well that's a good campaign speech but in a personal sense you heard it before right I've heard it before in a personal sense there must be some sense of disappointment you're a competitor former pro thank you guys I'm very competitive and most of my competition has been on the ideas and I think that platform reflects some rather positive ideas that I have been advancing and very frankly I think it's a very progressive platform so my competition this week has been in that speech in that platform and on the belay on the values and ideas that I've been trying to advance just a practical sense haven't gained an enormous amount this week just from all the publicity well I'm pleased that I've been able to stand up there and get that reception to see some of these ideas implemented so from that standpoint I think I've had a good week and I think I have a future would you have been a better choice than George Bush George Bush is a good choice and a better one well George Bush and governor Reagan and our platform combined give us the best choice available Jack thank you Chris not a garrick utley and we're here with Kelly placer a political pollster who those polling for the Republican National Committee and who yesterday was enough of the initial discussions with former President Gerald Ford discussing what Ford might add to a Republican

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what Ford might add to a Republican ticket and then later during the day here in the convention floor last night you were one of the prime sources for the reports that the for the Reagan deal was on there are many rumors going around I think what happened last night I think what happened last night is that I listened to a lot of people in the hall and watched a lot of television and decided that a decision had been made that evidently hadn't been I think the lesson and it's a good lesson for for everyone is that the presidential nominee the top of the ticket really chooses his running mate and all of the advisors and no matter how well-intentioned or all of the pollsters or press people really don't have the ultimate say I think governor Reagan made a decision a happen I think it was an excellent decision but he reminded us of what what that final quality or capability is and reminded journalists also not to get ahead of the story I think so I think so thank you very much tommy placer the IR poster for a RNC now back to David Brinkley they're still calling a roll getting down close to the end Jessica Savitch who is on the podium and keeps the most careful watch on everything that happens down there has a report for us on what's going to happen next Jessica we just

heard there's a very good possibility that Gerald Ford will be coming into the Hall tonight and may in fact come here in a show of unity and it's almost an exact reversal the situation we had back in 1972 okay this is John Rhodes and is permanent chairman is Gerald Ford coming here tonight I'm not sure I haven't heard we have heard that he was it would be a show of unity and I remember you told me back in Washington in 72 it was you who brought Ronald Reagan impossible that might happen with Gerald Ford I did my very best to get Ronald Reagan to finally Gerald Ford got him you'll recall that he went to the edge of the planet first thing he said to me when he came on the platform is where is Ronald Reagan so I formed him out and he went over the side of the platform and beckoned Jim and and Ronald Reagan pointed himself with a

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Ronald Reagan pointed himself with a questioning was you mean me and Gerald Ford said yes I mean you could so down he came I don't know where President for it is possible then we already might show up tonight John Chancellor and what you're seeing on your screen is the motorcade of the presidential nominee of the Republican Party Ronald Reagan leaving the Detroit Plaza Hotel area and heading toward Joe Louis Arena and his life - will be a succession of motorcades as it has been all year with the cameramen riding on the backs of the station wagons it's kind of interesting listening to Jack Camp congressman camp earlier avoiding Chris Wallace's question he avoided saying that he Jack Kemp thinks he would have been a better choice than bush that is protocol here among many of the delegates and people who hope for for some luck at this convention but former Treasury secretary William Simon made a speech on Monday night and when he left he was quoted as having said I'm surely the best I mean the country could do worse and probably will and I say that seriously what the quickly method he was asked Kemp was asked question twice and invaded at both time that's right rather neatly I thought the schedule now in a minute they will have they have nominated bushes over the over the necessary number he will speak first Biggers they don't want anybody to have to follow the presidential acceptance speech this is the Reagan motorcade but Bush's motorcade somewhat shorter we saw a few minutes ago he is already in the hall waiting in shall I say the greenroom to go on the podium and accept Reagan coming along behind him to accept the nomination for president they'll pull the strings on the balloons and that'll be that

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Joe Louis Arena the looming presence to your right a huge building near the river the Reagan's speech is the product of a number of people in the Reagan camp dozens of people contributed ideas to it the first draft was written by Peter Hannah Ford who was been writing for Ronald Reagan for about the last seven years and all indications are that Ronald Reagan will try to reach out in the acceptance speech he gives tonight to talk about women to talk about blacks to talk about Hispanics possibly to talk about to offset to some degree some of the tough language in the Republican platform that was drafted and approved here in Detroit it would be very interesting speech to to analyze because in that speech will be the themes of the Reagan Bush campaign this fall they started writing this speech about six weeks ago and this afternoon Reagan went out to the house of an industrialist a friend of his in Grosse Pointe suburb of Detroit and spent an hour or so practicing the speech using some sort of prompting device to be sure he had it down cold for delivery here in the hall tonight they've also told us as you said I think that it will not be primarily addressed to the delegates in the hall but to the television audience in general the thinking being that the delegates in the hall will all be already going to vote for him he doesn't have to preach to them so he will hope we will try to reach and persuade people outside this home on all three networks yes politicians dream he may be out drawn by old movies they

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he may be out drawn by old movies they won't be his because they're not being shown these days but in any case it's a great moment for Ronald Reagan something that every politician looks back looks forward to and we'll be back with more of this convention after day [Music] I'm Pete Conrad 15 years ago Gordon Cooper and I shoehorned ourselves into a Gemini spacecraft like this and flew for eight days in Earth orbit

McDonnell Douglas built the Gemini into Mercury as well fact is in my four flights I've traveled more than 17 million miles in spacecraft built by McDonnell Douglas today we're using our space-age skills to build two of the world's leading fighters for the United States and our allies the f-15 eagle and the f-18 Hornet the same skill and technology goes into the dc-10 one of the most thoroughly tested airliners ever built and I think it's significant that the dc-10 has passed tests just as demanding in their own way as those required of our fighters I know firsthand the kind of product this company builds because I work here I wouldn't stake my reputation on anything less convention moments every Newman footnotes the Republican convention of 1964 brought to you by the bell system yellow pages the first step let your fingers do the walking through the bell system yellow pages I would remind you that extremism in the defense of Liberty is no vice that moderation in the pursuit of justice is no person San Francisco 1964 senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona accepting the Republican nomination to the party's

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Republican nomination to the party's conservatives and they were in a majority here Goldwater was the convention hero just as Nelson Rockefeller had been the villain earlier when he called on the convention to repudiate the John Birch Society and groups like it the treatment of Rockefellers seen by millions on television and Goldwater's statement open as it was to misinterpretation helped to destroy whatever chance the Republicans had of winning in November Edwin Newman NBC News [Music] there's a stage right here in Joe Louis Arena next coming up next will be the vice-presidential acceptance would be a few minutes and then Reagan's acceptance speech so in the meantime there's an interesting development in American politics this year as you know the federal government gives money to candidates for president on condition that they spend only a set limited amount there is however there is however another aspect private citizens on their own or who can pretend to be on their own and get away with it can raise money privately and spend it themselves promoting whatever candidate they like and a Supreme Court Rule this is legal because they are citizens using their right of free speech one of those involved in this is Senator Harrison Schmitt of New Mexico who is raising a private fund to be used to promote the election of Ronald Reagan there is a good deal of country but controversy about this some think it is bad news a bad idea should not be allowed and so on in any case Garrick Utley is on the floor with senator Schmitt and is going to ask him about this derek is another Harrison Jackson of New Mexico astronaut at Apollo 17 the twelfth man to land and walk on the moon was absolutely nothing to do with we're

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absolutely nothing to do with we're talking about this organization called America about 20 million or \$4 you say you are not part of the civil campaign this man of course I think it's very fair and certainly legal and constitutional it's rare because the basic law is flawed you can't equalize financing when the incumbent has such great power of incumbency plus the volunteer efforts on both sides are going to be unequal we really ought to take another look at that whole law but as it stands right now the independent financing that we can provide and others can provide will be a balance to the incumbency now how can you say you are independent of the Reagan campaign know each other it's because we're not coordinating in any way with his campaign we're doing everything completely independently the mere fact that I'm a Republican and these are Republican really has nothing to do in the matter now well it's hard to say we feel we've estimated that overall that's about twenty to thirty million dollars that could be contributing to groups like ours based on the primaries what was contributed in the primary but it only time will tell how well we do in the fundraising I think we do very well in the expenditures if we raise the money our initial budget is 85 thank you very much governor and Jarek we're in the rear of the Devon black Matthias Maryland they've been talking about independent finance committees and fundraising committee

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I've always felt that there ought to be limitations in fact I even offered an amendment which was accepted by the Congress which would limit what a candidate could contribute to his own campaign well do you think there's going to committee this is heading will backfire in the scam I think the problem goes beyond this campaign I think it goes to the perception of elections whether elections in this country can be bought seems to be that the Constitution very clearly gives to the Congress the right or in fact the duty to regulate federal elections we cater the class we're lost in the crowd all right tap Edit I'm over here with it so the Bush campaign with Jim Baker with deep bert healy let me ask beginning with you Jim where do you think your man could do the most good for the tick of the Northeast well I think I think he'd do a lot of good in the Northeast Tom but he'll do very well in Texas you got 48% of the vote in Texas showed substantial strength and the metropolitan areas of Houston and Dallas I think you'd be very strong in New England too birds what kind of pet efficient what kind of issues do you think your man can help the Reagan ticket with the most I think he can help them all this time there there are no subjects that are off-balance he could deal with anything to Governor Reagan Bailey's director communications you're going to spend a lot of your time at C Kissimmee in the coming weeks trying to explain the difference between George George Weiss and George Bush Canada between his primary campaign of the primary campaign of Ronald Reagan don't you then no that's not gonna be tough down there very few differences between

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frankly to take a look at it is probably one of the what about the 30% tax cut that was a big I think if you look at the tax cut introduced by Barbara Carnival in the house on behalf of Governor Reagan another arrest leaders in the house that that's very close to what George Bush was proposing and I think that he looked at the second third year portions that is something that George Bush and a wholeheartedly support Jim Baker did you have any divided feelings last night four years ago the national political view Gerald Ford and up would he might be the vice presidential did you have some divided feelings well of course I did Tom and I think that's only natural I guess yes that would be expected because I have enormous respect of course for President Ford likewise have enormous respect for my close friend George Bush for whom I've worked for a year and a half Dean Burt you worked in the White House did you ever have any feeling last night that that deal could be worked out so that there could be a if not a co-president see Simon Wyden respond I had the distinct feeling about eleven o'clock that it could be worked out I didn't have any idea what the mechanics were b-but yes I did I was concerned about how I would work now what happens from here on what's the best there's George Bush become the point man for Ronald Reagan and he becomes a kind of senior statesman vice presidents are often that in these campaigns no I don't think it's going to be a slashing type campaign time I think it's gonna be a campaign based on the issues these two men obviously feel that what they're offering to the American people is much more appealing of what President Carter's come up with over the last four years and I don't think that you're going to see a real duck cutting type presidential campaign you expected to George Bush will concentrate on one part of the country over another do you believe the Western Ronald Reagan he'll work the Northeast for example and maybe Texas well it would seem to make sense but that won't be determined to the next

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but that won't be determined to the next three or four days and more than 24 hours ago at this time last night did you think you'd be standing on the floor tonight in this capacity on the staff of the vice presidential nominee I remind you that it is now what about 9 o'clock 24 hours ago tonight it looked pretty grim for you and I honestly no I did and you know sir and you honestly know did you think a deal had been struck at some point at about this time between ordinary and about this time it looked very much out here on the floor like one had been struck I must confess that I deep down inside did not think that President Ford would take anomaly let's go to the podium and there is the man that you both been working for George the vice presidential nominee word is entire the bad way I look at my boys let Barbara Bush George Bush's son Jeb is there Neal Marvin who our grandchildren Dorothy with the youngest of the children [Music] been married

for 35 years and they say they have lived in 28 homes in 17 city for 35 years close this is Bush always says that only six things and they are George Bush in my five children very attractively they also spent some time of course yes Lee was a Bassett er there

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chairman appointed a committee to inform George Bush he had been nominated for vice president the duties of this committee are not onerous they had to walk about 20 feet back from a rostrum tell him what he already knew and then escort him out and their duties were then completed next first family of the United States of America our presidential candidates lovely and gracious wife Nancy his daughter patty his son Ron another fine son Michael and his wife Colleen and his daughter Maureen the Reagan [Applause] Maurine is a 39 years old and she is the product of Ronald Reagan's first marriage to the actress Jane Wyman Michael who was 35 was adopted Patricia who was 27 and Ron who is 22 are the product of mr. Reagan's marriage to Nancy Reagan when you see there in the middle found very appealing is that she disagrees with her father in public stakes her views openly candidly and forcefully and nobody seems to be upset about its right [Music]

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[Music] ladies and gentlemen of the convention and now I have the great personal honor of presenting to you the next vice president of the United States the Honorable George Bush effective [Applause] [Music] [Applause]

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[Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music]

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[Applause] mr. chairman my fellow Republicans and fellow Americans first let me just express my heartfelt thanks for the honor that you've given me the opportunity to run on our party's national ticket with a great leader like Ronald Reagan on behalf of Barbara the rest of the Bush family all I can say is that we're overwhelmed and grateful for your expression of confidence with the deep sense of commitment I accept your nomination to serve as our party's candidate for Vice President on a ticket headed by the leader of our party and the next president of the United States Ronald Reagan I accept I enthusiastically support our platform and I place to you my total dedication and energies in a united effort to see to it that next January 20th Ronald Reagan becomes our nation's 40th president and that a bright new era will begin for an America in the decade of this 80s we need James cause of the paws of Ronald Reagan's leadership we Republicans emerge from this convention as a strong United Party rededicated to the principles that have

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rededicated to the principles that have made our country great and there has been a spirit of victory in the air this past week here in Detroit but if that spirit is to be translated into reality it's up to each and every one of us to help carry Ronald Reagan's message of a strong free America the length and the breadth of this land let there be no mistake though Jimmy Carter though he may have in the past four years been a failed president he is a formidable campaigner who can be expected to use the power of his office to suit his own political ends and so my fellow Republicans I say to you let's forget the pollsters and forget the pundits and remember only that political victories are hard hard dedicated things that come about only by tough work and that in this crucial election year the stakes for America and the free world are too great to allow ourselves to become complacent we have a great mission not unlike that great mission undertaken by our party 28 summers ago when another great Republican leader Dwight Eisenhower began his campaign to restore the faith of the American people in their government white eisenhower a man of decency compassion and strength led America three days ago into a new era of peace prosperity and progress and so will

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prosperity and progress and so will Ronald Reagan a man of decency compassion and strength lead America into a new era of greatness in this decade of the 1980s that is the missing the great mission all of us working together joined by millions of disillusioned Democrats and disappointed independence must undertake in the campaign ahead my fellow Republicans this is Ronald Reagan's night he is the man whom you and the American people are waiting to hear let me then conclude these words of acceptance by paraphrasing what I told this convention last evening just moments before you nominated our party standard bearer for the presidency let us I said then and I repeat tonight let us united in spirit and purpose go forward from this convention city to make 1981 of victory not only for Ronald Reagan in our party but for the United States of America and the cause of freedom throughout the world thank you very very much book the region film which is assumed next scheduled for 10 o'clock and is now 10 after day [Music] yep for three

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[Music] no it says introduction an acceptance speech is scratched out in that line plan is a xerox are very faithful [Music] [Applause] [Music] Regan's acceptance speech will become we'll be back in a moment National Convention brought to you in part by New York Life the company that meets your insurance needs [Music] [Applause] [Music]

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now reporting from the NBC News Convention Center in Joe Louis Arena here is John cantaloupe and the evening is proceeding a little ahead of schedule and that one reason for that is quite a lot a kind of schedule as a matter of fact it is because we expect former president Ford to come in and in a show of unity and togetherness to address the convention probably before I think almost certainly before governor Reagan himself makes his acceptance speech the Bush family is still accepting the plaudits of the crowd and William Casey the campaign manager for Ronald Reagan is somewhere in there with Jerrica William Casey the campaign director of the Reagan campaign heard a lot of what happened last night the special you are central what happened everybody hear me yes I can't hear myself [Music] we simply explored [Music] developing a row we're together vice-president involvement in The Times activity White House why they best the plan there was a variety [Music] such natural powers that ratted thought of I'm camping out many of the powers of response opposed to the presidency the White House staff has only the [Music] Hopkins effect recommendation pride over with such a record power with a president well if you were not

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with a president well if you were not prepared to give up any something to power negotiations when I'm so long they didn't go on that long we talked over we talked about we were talking about various ways of involving the vice president then the operation of the White House give me an example [Music] by the vice versa [Music] and quite and Oh appointments he went down power to direct citing the segments of the White House staff other other segments would mic recommendations to the president throw the vice president I need felawe just the kind of thing to affair with us that were discussion what wasn't the Gerald Ford was nasty that was [Music] I'm not sure there's anything he decided at the last minute that we just didn't think of when why can he put going have enough reserve or consideration whether it was to a personal to him as I understood it that especially for describe the Dylan are you sorry now that perhaps madam ball [Music] I think was a very constructive thing at OU and it showed with Governor Reagan open-minded about using the talents an experienced president strengthen and improve the White House operation to what extent was Henry Kissinger a key negotiator our key factor in imitating Gerald Ford Henry Henry catch the four testified a

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Henry Henry catch the four testified a discussion they went as he suggested back and forth homonym came from Alan Greenspan some types of average ketchup some enough time for bad bass five while we were talking about very different than the way right all right why quit is lieutenant governor and California a novel about it's been why they misperceived 11 Bob where are the certain psychic powers negotiation surveyors architecture part of those things happen are you [Music] not at all not at all we understood perfectly that he had a very important decision a decision was he allowed we never stop [Music] boxes of with the other candidates we are always ready to make the like another collection consideration that well we'll see about that tonight your thing sigh productive right much William Casey in building Donna may be the hint that Gerald Ford might show up here sooner with Ronald Reagan the governor of Iowa for any binary was the way he wanted it food during the primaries [Music] last night it was just about 24 hours

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last night it was just about 24 hours and and you were convinced at that time that you have different signs up here they would say Reagan and are you happier with that ticket than with this one I can't say I'm happier I'm very happy with this ticket but at that moment it really appeared that it was going to be a reagan/ford a ticket and we could have lived with that it was intriguing it was different it was unique good ticket and we Pusha is the choice for vice president will on ticket and we're gonna have by the way that situation with man here you were told by several people very close to it that the deal of instruct bringing the stress that doesn't really bother me because things like that happen I think we probably have never come so close to having a different ticket and still having a change but those are the fortunes of politics and it's a good fortune for George Bush [Music] governor in an Iowan this fall what are the issues that are gonna work best for this ticket well I think that we're gonna have to pause now because we're about to see a Ronald Reagan film not one of his old films is it a Canada muscle bill robert ray of iowa thank you very much mister this is a ten minute film on Gesell's salesmen who follow jobs that led the family from tampico illinois to Galesburg and finally to Dixon here the young boy grew into manhood and it was here in America's heartland that he developed his deep sense of values the Reagan's were a thrifty hard-working close-knit family luxuries were few and hard to come by but too young run nicknamed Dutch by his dad life in Illinois was a rich and happy time young Dutch always had to work for spending money and to help out his family of all the jobs he had his favorite was lifeguarding at Lowell Park

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favorite was lifeguarding at Lowell Park on the Rock River after high school debt Reagan landed a football scholarship from the school of his dreams Eureka College in Eureka Illinois sister College of TCU Texas Christian University his great love said Eureka where football drama swimming and making friends on campus and with the people in town he did what he had to do to make ends meet everything from washing dishes in a sorority house to coaching the swimming team after classes upon graduation to pay off his student loans Ron took a job as a sports announcer with a fledgling radio station in Davenport Iowa station WOC his picturesque style of broadcasting let the listeners see all the action his reputation spread quickly and he soon made the big time head sports announcer for WH o radio in Des Moines Iowa even today there are a lot of people in the Midwest who remember Dutch Reagan it's the voice of mighty Chicago Cubs and the White Sox one spring morning announcer Reagan arrived in California to join the Cubs of their spring training camp with a deep love for acting the help of a friend and a bit of good luck he was soon offered a contract with Warner Brothers Studios he became a star a star who appealed to audiences because he was so clearly one of them few knew it at the time but it was also a peacetime volunteer army officer so with the outbreak of World War two he put aside his career signed on for active duty and was transferred to a special Air Force training film unit four years later Air Force captain Reagan returned to Warner Brothers to resume his career little did he know that the most challenging period of his life lay just before him

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of his life lay just before him being a dedicated union man and tireless in his efforts to improve the lot of every working man and woman he was six times elected president of the Screen Actors Guild of the afl-cio as president of the union Ron Reagan helped bring equity and salaries and working conditions for actors technicians extras cameraman almost everyone in the industry more importantly he single-handedly took on the job of keeping union members in control of the Union and prevented a takeover of the film industry by organized crime this crusade to preserve the freedom of America's working men and women kindled in mr. Reagan a deep abiding interest in the processes of our unique Republican form of government he began to take an active interest in politics both in California and on the national scene he had been raised in a Democrat family by a fiercely independent father who was adamant in his love for freedom in 1952 and 1956 following his own conscience and with a clear view of the dangers facing America Ron Reagan volunteered as a Democrat for Eisenhower in 1962 he officially joined the Republican Party the rest is history in 1966 answering the call of his party he was elected governor of California next to president the biggest job in the nation more people live in California than any other state it's the number-one producer of everything from farm goods to computer chips generating one out of every eight dollars of production in this country if California was a country it would rank eighth in the world nearly equalling the total GNP of the United Kingdom what the new governor inherited was a state of crisis California was faced with a 194 million dollar deficit and was spending a million dollars a day

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and was spending a million dollars a day more than it was taking in the state was on the brink of bankruptcy [Music] working with teams from all sectors the unions banking a Greek ulcer education and Industry Governor Reagan got things back on track his common sense style and strong creative leadership won him a second term in 1970 and he won by one of the biggest landslides in the history of the state governor Reagan became the greatest tax reformer in the state's history his program included property tax relief of over two billion dollars he reduced sales taxes by over 300 million and gave tax rebates of almost 750 million dollars the San Francisco Chronicle said we exaggerate very little when we say that governor Reagan has saved the state from bankruptcy when governor Reagan left office the 194 million dollar deficit had been transformed into a 554 million dollar surplus and while saving the taxpayers hundreds of billions of dollars he improved the quality of life for the people of California scholarships for needy students were increased by 500% student loans by over 900 percent his environmental protection program was the nation's toughest he increased unemployment insurance by almost 60% the head of the afl-cio said this about Governor Reagan Governor Reagan has signed afl-cio back bills were injured and unemployed workers for more than 266 million dollars no governor Republican or Democrat has ever done anything like that the efficiency and remarkable effectiveness of the government of California under the leadership of Governor Reagan became a model for every state in the Union this is a man whose time has come a man whose principles have been familiar to Americans for 30 years a man whose accomplishments make

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years a man whose accomplishments make him the Nat full choice for President of the United States a man who believes that the decline of America must be halted and can be halted a man who rejects the concept of Lord expectations because he believes in the boundless opportunities of the American idea a man who has prepared himself for strong creative leadership through all the years the outstanding characteristic of Ronald Reagan has been confidence confidence in the triumph of the principles he has consistently defended throughout his personal and political life this is the man who believes our nation can regain the stature it has lost in the eyes of the world this is the man who understands the principles that make America great above all he believes in America and the kind of strong creative leadership that can restore our faith in the future he calls not for retreat into the past but for a confident advance into the future the day Ronald Reagan takes office as president of the United States will be the day when America comes together for a new beginning together a new beginner [Music] and there you see the motorcade outside the Hall of former President Gerald Ford will be coming in here in a few minutes we can't tell exactly how long that would be I'm pretty

sure that's the Ford Motor cave [Music] because we've already seen the Reagan motorcade and the Bush motorcade so who else is left yes that's it the little sign says Ford motorcade so that running while I had a schedule David which is remarkable it's

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schedule David which is remarkable it's almost never happens they are appointing Robert dole a committee now then Fernandez of California the callin escort committee and while they're doing that we'll have and now ladies and gentlemen the moment we have [Music] okay there's Governor Reagan the members of the escort committee [Music]

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[Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] thank you [Applause] thank you very much we're using up primetime thank you very much [Applause] thank you very much [Music] thank you [Music] thank you very much [Music]

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thank you you're singing you're singing our song well the first thrill tonight was to find myself for the first time in a long time in a movie on prime-time but this as you can imagine is the second big thrill mr. chairman mr. vice president to be this convention my fellow citizens of this great nation with a deep awareness of the responsibilities conferred by your trust I accept your nomination for the presidency of the United States [Applause] I I do so with big gratitude and I think also I might interject on behalf of all of us our thanks to Detroit and the people of Michigan and of this city for the warm hospitality

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and I thank you for your wholehearted response to my recommendation regard to George Bush with the candidate for Vice President I'm very proud of our party tonight this convention has shown to all America a party United with positive programs for solving the nation's problems a party ready to build a new consensus with all those across the land who share a community of values embodied in these words family work neighborhood peace and freedom I know that we've had we've had a quarrel or two but as only as to the method of attaining a goal there was no argument here about the goal as president I will establish a liaison with the 50 governors to encourage them to eliminate wherever it exists discrimination against women I will [Applause] I will monitor federal laws to ensure their implementation and to add statutes if they are needed more than more than anything else I want my candidacy to unify our country to renew the American spirit and sense of purpose on what a carry our message to every American regardless of party affiliation who is a member of this community of shared

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member of this community of shared values never before in our history have Americans been called upon to face three grave threats to our very existence any one of which could destroy us we face a disintegrating economy a weakened defense and an energy policy based on the sharing of scarcity the major issue of this campaign is the direct political personal and moral responsibility of Democratic Party leadership in the White House and in the Congress for this unprecedented calamity which has befallen us [Applause] [Music] they tell us they've done the most that could humanly be done they say that the United States has had its day in the payette Sun that our nation is past its zenith they expect you to tell your children but the American people no longer have the will to cope with their problems but the future will be one of sacrifice and few opportunities my fellow citizens I utterly reject that view the American people the American people the most generous on

earth who created the highest standard of living are not going to accept the notion that we can only make a better world for others by moving backward ourselves and those who believe we can have no business leading this nation I will not stand by and watch this great

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I will not stand by and watch this great country destroy itself under mediocre leadership that drifts one-run crisis to the next eroding our national will and purpose we have come together here because the American people deserve better from those to whom they entrust our nation's highest offices and we stand united we stand united in our resolve to do something about it we need a rebirth of the American tradition of leadership at every level of government and in private life as well the United States of America is unique in world history because it has a genius for leaders many leaders on many levels but back in 1976 mr. Carter said trust me and a lot of people did and now many of those people are out of work many have seen their savings eaten away by inflation many others on fixed incomes especially the elderly have watched helplessly as the cruel tax of inflation wasted away their purchasing power and today a great many who trusted mr. Carter wonder if we can survive the Carter policies of national defense trust me government asks that we concentrate our hopes and dreams on one man that we trust him to do what's best for us well my view of government places trust not in one person or one party but in those values that transcend persons and parties [Applause] [Music] the trust is where it belongs in the people the responsibility to live up to that trust is where it belongs in their elected leaders that kind of relationship between the people and their elected leaders is a special kind of compact three hundred and sixty years

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of compact three hundred and sixty years ago in 1620 a group of families dared to cross a mighty ocean to build a future for themselves in a new world when they arrived at Plymouth Massachusetts they formed what they called a compact an agreement among themselves to build a community and abide by its laws this single act the voluntary binding together of free people to live under the law set the pattern for what was to come a century and a half later the descendants of those people pledged their lives their fortunes and their sacred honor to found this nation some forfeit of their fortunes and their lives none sacrificed on earth [Music] four score and seven years later Abraham Lincoln called upon the people of All America to renew their dedication and their commitment to a government of for and by the people isn't it once again time to renew our Compact of freedom to pledge to each other to pledge to each other all that is best in our lives all that gives meaning to them for the sake of this our beloved and blessed land together let us make this a new beginning let us make a commitment to care for the needy to teach our children the virtues handed down to us by our families to have the courage to defend those values and virtues of the willingness to sacrifice for them let us pledge to restore in our time the American spirit of voluntary service of cooperation of private and community initiative a spirit that flows like a deep and mighty river through the

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like a deep and mighty river through the history of our nation as your nominee I pledge to you to restore to the federal government the capacity to do the people's work without dominating their lives I pledge to you I pledge to you a government that will not only work well but wisely its ability to act tempered by prudence and its willingness to do good balanced by the knowledge that government is never more dangerous than when our desire to have it help us blinds us to its great power to harm us you know the first the first Republican president once said while the people retain their virtue and their vigilance no administration by any extreme of wickedness or folly can seriously injure the government in the short space of four years if mr. Lincoln could see what's happened in the last three and a half years he might hedge a little on that statement [Applause] [Music] but with the virtues that are our legacy is a free people and with the vigilance that sustains Liberty we still have time to use our renewed combat to overcome the injuries that have been done to America these

past three and a half years first we must overcome something the present administration has cooked up a new and altogether indigestion economics to one part inflation one part high unemployment one part recession one part runaway taxes one part deficit spending

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runaway taxes one part deficit spending seasoned with an energy crisis it's an economic stew that has turned the national stomach ours are not problems of abstract economic theory these are problems of flesh-and-blood problems that cause pain and destroy the moral fiber of real people who should not suffer the further indignity of being told by the government that it is all somehow their fault we do not have inflation because as Mr. Carter says we've lived too well the head of a government which has utterly refused to live within its means and which has in the last few days told us that this coming year's deficit will be 60 billion dollars dares to point the finger of blame at business and labor both of which have been engaged in a losing struggle just trying to stay even hi Texas we are told are somehow good for us as if when government spends our money it isn't inflationary but when we spend it it is [Music] those who preside over the worst energy shortage in our history tell us to use less so that we will run out of oil gasoline and natural gas a little more slowly well now conservation is desirable of course but we mustn't waste energy but conservation is not the sole answer to our energy needs America must get to work producing more energy

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the Republican program for solving economic problems is based on growth and productivity large amounts of oil and natural gas lay beneath our land and off our shores untouched because the present administration seems to believe the American people would rather see more regulation more taxes and more controls than more energy coal offers our great potential so does nuclear energy produced under rigorous safety standards will could supply electricity for thousands of industry and millions of jobs and homes it must not be thwarted by a tiny minority opposed to economic growth which often finds friendly ears in regulatory agencies for its obstructionist campaigns make no mistake we will not permit the safety of our people or our environmental heritage to be jeopardized but we are going to reaffirm that the economic prosperity of our people is a fundamental part of our environment [Applause] our problems our problems are both acute and chronic yet all we hear from those in positions of leadership for the same tired proposals for more government tinkering more meddling and more control all of which led us to this sorry state in the first place can anyone look at the record of this administration and say well done

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can anyone compare the state of our economy when the Carter Administration took office with where we are today and say keep up the good work can anyone look at our reduced standing in the world today and say let's have four more years of this I believe the American people are going to answer these questions as you've answered them in the first week in November and their answer will be no we've had enough [Applause] [Music] and then it will be up to us beginning next January 20th to offer an administration and congressional leadership of competence and more than a little courage we must have the clarity of vision to see the difference between what is essential and what is merely desirable and then the courage to bring our government back under control it is as it is essential it is essential that we maintain both the forward momentum of economic growth and the strength of the safety net between those in our society who need help we also believe it is essential that the integrity of all aspects of Social Security be preserved beyond beyond these essentials I believe it is clear our federal government is overgrown and overweight indeed it is time our government should go on a diet [Applause]

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therefore my first act as chief executive will be to impose an immediate and thorough freeze on federal hiring [Applause] then then we're going to enlist the very best minds from business labor and whatever whatever quarter to conduct a detailed review of every department Bureau and agency that lives by federal

appropriation and we are going to enlist the help and ideas of many dedicated and hard-working government employees at all levels who want a more efficient government just as much as the rest of us do [Music] I know that many of them are demoralized by the confusion and waste they confront in their work as a result of failed and failing policies our instructions to the group's we enlist will be simple and direct we will remind them that government programs exist at the sufferance of the American taxpayer and are paid for with money earned by working men and women and programs that represent a waste of their money a theft from their pocketbooks must have that waste eliminated or that program must go [Music] it must go by executive order where possible by congressional action where necessary everything that can be run

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necessary everything that can be run more effectively by state and local government we shall turn over to state and local government along [Applause] along with the funding sources to pay for it we're going to put an end to the money merry-go-round where our money becomes Washington's money to be spent by states and cities exactly the way the federal bureaucrats tell us it has to be spent [Applause] [Music] I will not accept the excuse that the federal government has grown so big and powerful that it is beyond the control of any president any administration or Congress we are going to put an end to the notion that the American taxpayer exists to fund the federal government the federal government the federal government exists to serve the American people [Applause] On January 20th we are going to re-establish that truth also on that date we are going to initiate action to get substantial relief for our taxpaying citizens and action to put people back to work none of this none of this will be based on any new form of monetary tinkering or

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on any new form of monetary tinkering or fiscal sleight of hand we will simply apply to government the common sense that we all use in our daily lives work work and family are at the center of our lives the foundation of our dignity as a free people when we deprive people to what they've earned or take away their jobs we destroy their dignity and undermine their families we can't support families unless there are jobs and we can't have jobs unless the people have both money to invest and the faith to invest it [Applause] boom these are concepts that stem from an economic system that for more than 200 years has helped us master a continent create a previously undreamed-of prosperity for our people and has fed millions of others around the globe and that system will continue to serve us in the future if our government will stop ignoring the basic values on which it was built and stop betraying the trust and goodwill of the American workers who keep it were going the American people are carrying the heaviest peacetime tax burden in our nation's history and it will grow even heavier under present law next January we're taxing ourselves into economic exhaustion and stagnation crushing our ability and incentive to save invest and produce this must stop we must halt this fiscal self-destruction and restore sanity to our economic system I've long advocated a 30% reduction in income tax rates over

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a 30% reduction in income tax rates over a period of three years this phase tax reduction this phase tax reduction would begin with a 10% down payment tax cut in 1981 which the Republicans in Congress and I have already proposed a phased reduction of tax rates would go a long way toward easing the heavy burden on the American people but we shouldn't stop there within the context of economic conditions and appropriate budget priorities during each fiscal year of my presidency I would strive to go further this would include improvement in business depreciation taxes so we can stimulate investment in order to get plants and equipment replaced [Music] put more Americans back to work and put our nation back on the road to being competitive in world commerce we will also work to reduce the cost of government as a percentage of our gross national product the first test of national leadership is to set realistic and honest priorities in our policies and our budget and I pledge that my administration will do that when I talk of tax cuts I'm reminded that every major tax cut in this century has strengthened the economy generated renewed productivity and

ended up yielding new revenues for the government by creating new investment new jobs and more Commerce among our people the president administration the president ministration has been forced by us Republicans to play follow-the-leader with regard to a tax

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follow-the-leader with regard to a tax cut but in this election year mean we must take with the proverbial grain of salt any tax cut proposed by those who have already given us the greatest single tax increase in our nation's history from those when those in leaders should give us tax increases and tell us we must also do with less have they thought about those who've always had less especially the minorities this is like telling them that just as they step on that first rung of the ladder of opportunity the ladder is being pulled out from under them that maybe the Democratic leadership speccing to the minorities but it won't be our message [Applause] hours hours will be we have to move ahead but we're not going to leave anyone behind thanks to the economic policies of the Democratic Party millions of Americans find themselves out of work millions more have never even had a fair chance to learn new skills hold a decent job or secure for themselves and their families a prostitute in the prosperity of this nation it's time to put America back to work to make our cities and towns make our cities and towns resound with the confident voices of men and women of all races nationalities and faiths bringing home to their families of paycheck they can cash for honest money for those without skills we'll find a

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for those without skills we'll find a way to help them get new skills for those without job opportunities will stimulate new opportunities particularly in the inner cities where they live for those who've abandoned hope will restore hope and will welcome them into a great national crusade to make America great again when we move from domestic affairs and cast our eyes abroad we see an equally sorry chapter in the record of the present administration a Soviet combat Brigade trains in Cuba just 90 miles from our shores a Soviet army of invasion occupies Afghanistan further threatening our vital interests in the Middle East America's defense strength is at its lowest ebb in a generation while the Soviet Union is vastly outspending us in both strategic and conventional arms our European allies looking nervously at the growing menace from the East turn to us for leadership and failed to find it and incredibly more than 50 as you've been told from this platform so eloquently already more than 50 of our fellow Americans have been held captive for over eight years eight months by a dictatorial foreign power that holds us up to ridicule before the world adversaries large and small test our will and seek to confound our resolve but we are given weakness when we need strength vacillation when the times demand firmness the Carter Administration lives in a world of make-believe every day drawing up a response to that day's problems troubles regardless of what happened yesterday and what will happen tomorrow but you and I live in a real world where disasters are overtaking our nation without any real response from Washington this is make-believe self-deceit and above all transparent

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self-deceit and above all transparent hypocrisy for example mr. Carter mr. Carter says he supports the volunteer army but he lets military pay and benefits slip so low that many of our enlisted personnel are actually eligible for food stamps reenlistment rates drop and just recently after he fought all week against a proposed pay increase for our men and women in the military he then helicoptered out to the carrier the USS Nimitz which was returning from long months of duty in the Indian Ocean and told the crew of that ship that he advocated better pay for them and their comrades where does he really stand now that he's back on shore well I'll tell you where I stand I do not favor a peacetime draft or registration but [Applause] but I do favor pay and benefit levels that will attract and keep highly motivated men and women in our volunteer forces [Applause] [Music] and back them up with an active reserve trained and ready for instant call in case of emergency you know there may be a sailor at the helm of the ship of state but the ship has no rudder critical critical decisions are made at

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critical critical decisions are made at times almost in comic fashion but who can laugh who is not embarrassed when the administration handed a major propaganda victory in the United Nations to the enemies of Israel our staunch Middle East ally for three decades and then claimed that the American vote was a mistake the result of a failure of communication between the president his Secretary of State and his UN Ambassador who does not feel a growing sense of unease as our allies facing repeated instances of an amateur Asian can and Confused administration reluctantly conclude that America is unwilling or unable to fulfill its obligations as leader of the free world who does not feel rising alarm when the question in any discussion of foreign policy is no longer should we do something but do we have the capacity to do anything the administration which has brought us to this state is seeking your endorsement for four more years of weakness indecision mediocrity and incompetence no no Americans should vote until he or she has asked is the United States stronger and more respected now than it was three and a half years ago here's the world safer a safer place in which to live it is the real it is the responsibility of the President of the United States in working for peace to ensure that the safety of our people cannot successfully be threatened by a hostile foreign power as president fulfilling that responsibility will be my number-one priority [Applause]

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we're not a warlike people quite the opposite we always seek to live in peace we resort to force infrequently and with great reluctance and only after we've determined that it's absolutely necessary we are awed and rightly so by the forces of destruction had loosed in the world in this nuclear era but neither can we be naive or foolish four times in my lifetime America has gone to war bleeding the lives of its young men into the sands of Island beachheads the fields of Europe and the jungles and rice paddies of Asia we know only too well that war comes not when the forces of freedom are strong it is when they are weak that tyrants are tempted we simply cannot learn these lessons the hard way again without risking our destruction [Applause] Oh [Applause] of all the objectives we seek first and foremost is the establishment of lasting world peace we must always stand ready to negotiate in good faith ready to pursue any reasonable Avenue that holds forth the promise of lessening tensions and furthering the prospects of peace but let our friends and those who may wish us ill take note the United States as an obligation to its citizens and to the people of the world never to let

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the people of the world never to let those who would destroy freedom dictate the future course of life on this planet [Applause] [Music] I would regard I would regard my election as proof that we have renewed our resolve to preserve world peace and freedom but this nation will once again be strong enough to do that now this evening this evening marks the last step save one of a campaign that has taken Nancy and me from one end of this great nation to the other over many months and thousands and thousands of miles there are those who question the way we choose a president who say that our process imposes difficult and exhausting burdens on those who seek the office I have not found itself it is it's impossible to capture in words the splendor of this vast continent which God has granted as our portion of his creation there are no words to express the extraordinary strength and character of this breed of people we call America everywhere everywhere we've met thousands of Democrats independents and Republicans from all economic conditions all walks of life bound together in that community of shared values of family work neighborhood peace and freedom they're concerned yes they're not frightened they're disturbed but not dismayed they are the kind of men and women Tom Paine had in mind when he wrote during the darkest days of the American Revolution

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darkest days of the American Revolution we have it in our power to begin the world over again [Music] nearly nearly 150 years after Tom Paine wrote those words an American president told the generation of the Great Depression that it had a rendezvous with destiny I believe this generation of Americans today also has a rendezvous with destiny tonight let us dedicate ourselves to renewing the American Compact I ask you not

simply to trust me but to trust your values our values and to hold me responsible for living up to them I ask you to trust that American spirit which knows no ethnic religious social political regional or economic boundaries the spirit that burned with zeal in the hearts of millions of immigrants from every corner of the earth who came here in search of freedom some say that spirit no longer exists but I've seen it I felt it all across this land in the big cities the small towns and in rural America it's still there ready to blaze into life if you and I are willing to do what has to be done [Music] we we have to do the practical things the down-to-earth things such as creating policies that will stimulate our economy increase productivity and put America back to work the time is now to limit federal spending to insist on a

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to limit federal spending to insist on a stable monetary reform and to free ourselves from imported oil the time [Applause] the time is now to resolve that the basis of a firm and principled foreign policy is one that takes the world as it is and seeks to change it by leadership and example not by harangue harassment or wishful thinking the time now is now the time is now to say that we shall seek new friendships and expand others and improve others but we shall not do so by breaking our word for casting aside old friends and allies and the time is now to redeem promises once made to the American people by another candidate in another time and another place he said for three long years I have been going up and down this country preaching that government federal state and local cost too much I shall not stop that preaching as an immediate program of action we must abolish useful useless offices we must eliminate unnecessary functions of government we must consolidate subdivisions of government and like the private citizen give up luxuries which we can no longer afford and then he said I propose to you my friends and through you that government of all kinds big and little be made solvent and that the example be set by the President of the United States and his cabinet end of quote that was Franklin Delano Roosevelt's

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that was Franklin Delano Roosevelt's words as he accepted the Democratic nomination for president in 1932 the time the time is now my fellow Americans to recapture our destiny to take it into our own hands and to do this will take away many of us or will take many of us working together I ask you tonight all over this land to volunteer your help in this cause so that we can carry our message throughout the land isn't it time that we the people carry out those unkept promises that we pledge to each other and to all America on this July day forty-eight years later that now we intend to do just that [Applause] I have I have thought of something that's not a part of my speech and worried over whether I should do it can we doubt that only a divine providence placed this land this island of freedom here is a refuge for all those people in the world who yearn to breathe free Jews and Christians enduring persecution behind the Iron Curtain the boat people of Southeast Asia of Cuba and of Haiti the victims of drought and famine and Africa the freedom fighters in Afghanistan and our own countrymen held in savage captivity I'll confess that I've been a little afraid to suggest what I'm going to suggest I'm more

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what I'm going to suggest I'm more afraid not to can we begin our crusade join together in a moment of silent prayer [Music] god bless america [Applause] [Music]

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well there it is it's done they'll be going along like this for some time and we'll have more of it after this [Music] and Gerald Ford he was sitting in a box in the hall during the speech he and mrs. Ford walked over to the podium one of the fittest [Music] mrs. Reagan [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] some print shop

worked all night making those reagan-bush signs [Music] writer came late [Music]

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[Music] Garrick Utley is topic 2 the organizer of this demonstration which I must say does not look terribly organized except for the balloons all of which fell on cue Garak if you can hear me we'd like to hear you a lot of enthusiasm and a big boy at heart I would imagine [Music] bottom enthusiasm and people can dance energy - for all we care [Music] let's watch him work okay get back to work [Music]

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[Music] son [Music] that's one of the Bush grandchildren [Music] is organized the number of the people who were down there in the audience are not delegates and they're not alternates they're wearing badges would say demonstrator violence and badges office statement of purpose [Music] [Applause] [Music] I didn't see see them doing tonight what they have done at times in the past and that is to bring in Outsiders people hired outside you suppose demonstrators

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hired outside you suppose demonstrators are hired and brought into the Nick they're hired I just think they're recruited they're not pay so some happen I don't know about these my don't sleep here [Music] well the [Music] I said that was one of the Bush grandchildren is a Reagan grandchild we'll be back in a moment [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] Nabisco gives rise to a remarkable cracker new wheats worth stone-ground crackers stone ground wheat flour with a touch of sesame make a delicate 8 with indifference dry wheats worthless soup weights worthless salad wheats worth with cheese a delicate taste with the difference meats worth stone-ground crackers new from the Bisco the delegate from new york life wishes to judge the delegates a New York Life yes sir and we want his New York life mr. chairman since 1845 our company has insured eleven American presidents life insurance Israel it's a family matter and we vote for the candidates who choose New York life for family protection can they do convention

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family protection can they do convention moments Edwin Newman footnotes the Republican convention of 1976 brought to you by the bell system yellow pages the first step let your fingers do the walking through the bell system yellow pages the Republican Party that met in Kansas City four years ago was reeling from Watergate and split by the challenge of Ronald Reagan to President Gerald Ford both men came to Kansas City early in pursuit of delegates but the presidential roll call was an anticlimax the nomination was decided on the issue of requiring presidential candidates to name their vice-presidential choices before the balloting began Reagan had already named Senator Richard Schweiker of Pennsylvania Ford was opposed Mississippi the key delegations sided with Ford cast thirty votes no the Reagan proposal was defeated by a hundred eleven votes and Reagan was defeated the next night by a hundred seventeen votes on the first presidential roll call Edwin Newman NBC News some house but you need a new heating system insulation all that the first step is the yellow pages the bell system yellow pages the first step in helping you solve a heating problem before you waste time and money take the first step let you fingers do the walking through the bell system yellow pages some storm house is cozy upon us and the many convention it's now benediction time at the degree of each of us the courage of our convictions to know that we have some of the answers guide us in our finding more of the answers and now may the prayer of st. Francis be our prayer where there is hatred let us sow love where there is

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hatred let us sow love where there is injury pardon where there is discord Union where there is doubt faith where there is despair hope where there is darkness light where there is sadness joy grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console to be understood as to understand to be loved as to love for it is

in giving that we receive it is part in pardoning that we are pardoned it is in dying that we are born to eternal life and now may the peace of God go with you all amen will you please stay in your places while the Reagan family in the Bush family departs the auditorium [Music] yes it is this is I don't know what you say about a moment like this or a moment the jewel never could have dreamed throughout most of your life that there would ever be anything like this in your life but the be honest approval and acceptance by these people out here is is an experience that I'll remember always you use the word Cruz saved yeah and I guess that's what you've had this what made you decide off of that ball well as I said was more afraid not to I assume no longer in disagreement on where he ought to be in the campaign no he made that decision and he believes and he is sworn to me in pledged his all-out support in the campaign and believes

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support in the campaign and believes that he could be more effective this way than he put on the ticket the Democrats to make this a rough campaign I think there are indications of that yes well I'm just gonna keep on doing what I've been doing criticizing what I think are the wrong policies and advocating other windows or see what happens I guess for a sports announcer it's a long way to be presidential candidate it sure beats any homecoming game I have a broad camp thank you very much governor now mrs. Reagan perhaps could say a word or two mrs. good mrs. Reagan just say something thank you congratulations thank you this is quite a moment for you are you I always said this all started about 16 years ago or so did you have a long memory job yes and you've been running a long time and holding off as part of the time what kind of first lady do you think you would be if the election goes your way don't ask me that now okay we'll just thank you that thank you Nancy Reagan and now back to the bullet that's the motion to adjourn pleasing our business I declare that the 32nd National Convention of the Republican Party is now adjourned sign he died god bless you [Applause] [Music]

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while they're playing the theme song for the 32nd republican convention [Music] Jessica Savitch with mr. mrs. Boyd the board's right now I was asking them at this point what are your thoughts you tell me mr. president Betty and I are very very happy we're proud of what the Republican convention did and nominating governor Reagan and George Bush very pleased with everything we've seen and hurt and we're very supportive and it's a lot of last-minute dissension how did you handle that [Music] your plan Samir it's great to be here we had a great time we're proud of what the convention did it well we just enjoy it mr. president you know people are saying man cannot live by golf alone I'm gonna do a lot of things political things any political things fair [Music] dancing since they let himself [Music] total sincerity of the way he decided to bring it to a close that's George Bush's boy evening had a good feel let's talk about united but can feel something feel something strongly what did you feel was a spiritual fellow was united and strong and together we review this is a very serious effort to make a real change for this country and I been a lot of conventions and I really felt that it came together and think

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came together and think governor's speech brought it together and I felt good I felt relaxed I felt sincere as I listen to his speech I felt a sincere sense about this unity everybody talks about it but it's out there you go back in history and take a look at things the Democrats are really going to rally behind that driving reminder to Franklin Roosevelt are minorities going to comfy well they're sure not going to go to Jimmy Carter they've sure been over-promised and dealt out and so it's wide open we got to work hard we got to reach out but I like the idea that we're prepared to do it I think we're being thrown out speaking of reaching out so we better go do you think this campaign now has momentum we better ask governor right okay thank you very much George Bush very probably good vice presidential nomination [Music] this is top put it on the podium there are more reporters on the podium now than there are candidates and candidates family [Music] one of the happiest people down there is Gerald Ford he said he came here to Detroit to get George Bush on the ticket with Reagan and he's leaving Detroit and George Bush is on the ticket with Reagan we'll have the final

formalities after this [Music] it seems longer than just three days ago when there was dissent here about the platform some of it led by Senator Charles Percy of Illinois who was with Tom Brokaw on the floor now senator Percy John Chancellor was saying that it seems longer ago than three days that you were leading a kind of small uprising here on the floor about one

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uprising here on the floor about one plank in the platform at least having to do with the appointment of federal judges how do you feel about this ticket and the Republican chances this fall now on this evening well I think on that particular battle we've won a treaty because I don't think as I've been assured by the platform many members of the platform committee it'll never they'll never try to put a plank like that in the platform again and politicize the judiciary system having at that assurance I now feel extraordinarily comfortable about the ticket and certainly or the reach out for forward and then the poor George Bush on I think was great you'd had to have been on the floor here to feel emotion god Bless America and and certainly the hope and inspiration that we trust that can be brought to this country and the free world it's a great hope and a prayer and we're going to work awfully hard to make it a reality so Charles Percy Republican of Illinois not across laws over the women's rights was one of the big issues of this convention at berry Louise Smith of Iowa was one of the leaders on that issue fighting for the ERI she didn't get it into the platform one of the first things that Ronald Reagan talked about tonight was women's rights what I didn't think of what he got to say indeed it was one of the very first thing and it was very gratifying we were hoping that he would mention it show that kind of sensitivity to the issue I think the signal last night came from his naming George Bush is a vice president who has been in favor of the Equal Rights Amendment and certainly the next important signal came tonight and I must tell you I'm very pleased there Louise Smith thank you now to David Brinkley [Music] on nbc's no dad famous balcony for the for the last time I regret to say Teddy with Theodore flight Betty White our old friend can patriot Jenny you know you can stand here look

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Jenny you know you can stand here look at the time and here what they do and see the increasingly Western orientation of the Republican Party that began in 1964 was the Barry Goldwater raid out of the southwest this speech though is very very different from the Barry Goldwater speech Goldwater's were certainly the most eloquent speech one of the most eloquent speeches of acceptance I've heard including Adlai Stevenson's and George McGovern's and several others I could and Gerry Ford's all the eloquent speeches are losses that he just gave of Berlin all the elephants the most eloquent speech our lady losing speeches the only time earth water Adlai Stevenson Richard Nixon in 1960 as against John F Kennedy okay one of the first pages of his life Jerry Ford against Jimmy Carr that Jerry Ford gave a great speech McGovern against Nixon in 72 again a classy speech huh freeze st. francis of assisi speech was a classic in chicago only Nixon won that election too but tonight's speech is a hard-line hard-nosed tough serious speech with a very little wit and very little eloquence that speech was carpeted to do certain things the out party always has the advantage of the attack and they played Jimmy Carter at every point or at least Ronald Reagan did he gave it a theme he calls it a new beginning underneath underneath the theme was the theme of unity and that rather made me rather melancholy because we've been hearing now ever since 1968 bring us together by Nixon trust said he would have free and muskie come home again said McGovern all of them trust me said Jimmy cut it they all preach the same thing as if America were a disunited country and that only this party can bring it together again look down there and that

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together again look down there and that says together a new beginning we've heard that promise now ever since Deshler Ohio a 1968 little girl held up the signed a Nixon of the railroad track that's right what we know I just hope one of these candidates can do that job of bringing us together well in the case of the Republicans in this year 1980 they have applied a special meaning to it in that they want to expand the party and bring people of like minds together to vote for regular hmm yes it's a very carefully carpenter thing that's

what you say and it's true but of the five main is sugar the house right that's what you say and it is true but when they say they piece family jobs and neighborhoods he means that busing has been a failure and he wants schools to go back the local community control without the OTEC butting in he means bring us together as groups and communities rather than living perhaps side-by-side Teddy thank you very much we'll see you in Madison Square Garden in New York and also John we're getting ready now to talk to the floor reporters which is our habit here at these conventions of while they're assembling and doing some more work down on the floor we'll have this [Music] the Republican convention is over they did everything they came here to do they nominated Reagan and they nominated Bush after having certain difficulties about it well detailed here last night and today now tomorrow Friday Bush and Reagan will stay here in Detroit for a while have some meetings and then they will leave here and fly to Houston Texas which is Bush's hometown and start the first rally of their campaign Bush's schedule calls for him to remain here

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schedule calls for him to remain here through through Friday Reagan then will go to California Bush I believe will go to Maine and it will both have a few days off probably for the last time until November jon-jon going to balcony I'm on the balcony Marvin Cal of see news and I have been looking at the speech that Ronald Reagan gave tonight Marvin I want to ask you a question about one one sentence in it that I underlined he said the United States has an obligation to its citizens and to the people of the world never to let those who would destroy freedom dictate the future course of human life on this planet John I have the impression that just as Reagan is calling for some kind of crusade nationally he is calling for a crusade in a way internationally as well if you build up America's defense if you pump in what may be a hundred billion dollars more in increased defense spending over the next five years the idea is that on the basis of that kind of military strength you can build peace throughout the world somehow or another by attacking the Carter Administration as he did for incompetence and deceit in what have you he is clearly kicking off the beginnings of a of a campaign issue on foreign policy which will probably get pretty nasty before the next 3-4 months are gone and I have the distinct impression on the basis of this on the basis of the platform all of this is going to be read every single word by Foreign Ministries and journalists and diplomats around the world and on the basis of this and the platform they will get an impression that if this man is elected with the increase in defense spending there will be a more aggressive American foreign policy how that turns to peace I don't know but that is clearly what's going to happen hold on just there a second would you Marvin the Reagan's have just left the hall you can see it on the monitor

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see it on the monitor yeah and they'll be going back to their hotel the convention ended 58 minutes early so they've got a longer evening ahead of them than they might have thought and there they are just getting in and moving away well years it wisely watched these pictures Marvin governor Reagan to the degree that he is known by foreign governments is regarded as pretty much of a hawk isn't it well it was interesting that over the last couple of days and in checking with diplomats and reporters you do very much get that impression but at the same time there is a debate as to whether this kind of a hardline approach towards the Russians may be something that the Russians in fact want though their propaganda line at this point is predictably very negative they have been very unhappy with the Carter Administration believing that the unpredictability of President Carter is something that they in fact fear and that if you can't base your policy upon the expectation of a hardline you can adjust your policy to that and perhaps head off the kind of problems that we have faced in different parts of world that's the theory in any case I just go back to this sentence about the United States has an obligation to its citizens and the people of the world never to let those who would destroy freedom dictate the future course of human life on this planet you remember 1960 and the Kennedy inaugural we will go anywhere and do everything and do everything well there is some of that I suppose that there is this cyclical thing that if you had it in sixty you may get it 20 years later but the world is so infinitely more complex at this time that the same formulas while they are politically attractive and terribly commercial they really are not necessarily formulas for solving any of the world's problems that is a totally different kind of thing there are no initiatives in the speech there's no sense of how in particular

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there's no sense of how in particular problem areas he would handle something you have no sense of the Middle East of dealings with the Russians you have only a crusade and well in fact the speech in general was not what we call a shopping list speech though I mean I've heard governor Reagan and so view so many times list specifics and give a lot of facts and and data to go with his conclusions I thought domestically there were some initiatives but generally it was just a statement more of beliefs than program of philosophy there was I was told anyway something of a debate within the Reagan dinner councils as to whether they could really outline specifics but they obviously decided that they're not going to do there and so they did have this philosophy and that is clearly what he thought that everybody here wanted to hear yes sir well interesting speech interesting night and if he wins an interesting administration will see he may not win Thank You Marvin David John Marlon thank you we'll have a final word with our correspondents on the floor in a moment a little earlier ice reported here that Ronald Reagan this afternoon went out into Detroit's suburbs to the house of a friend of his to rehearse his speech and I apparently gave the wrong suburb because I've just been handed a message it said several viewers have called a news desk to report that Reagan rehearsed his speech and the suburb of Bloomfield Hills not Grosse Pointe one of these callers noted with some edge in his voice quote we in Grosse Pointe do not associate ourselves with Bloomfield Hills so please happens to Brinkley make a correction will be backing him up [Music] well it's time for the fearless foursome on the floor if they are assembled down there for our traditional end of the convention tuck which we've been doing

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convention tuck which we've been doing for years here at NBC letting people say pretty much what they think instead of what they have just learned presuming that these floor men can think and I think they've demonstrated that David do you mean that they still can after the beat I think yes I think first of all that the fact that this convention session ended about one hour early tonight that speaks well or hopefully the Reagan campaign this fall which starts only six weeks after their troubles yesterday they seem to deafen organizational Act in order and this one even ahead of schedule more seriously as far as Reagan's acceptance speech tonight I it was a wonderful speech well delivered but it was pulled it was a political stump speech and I don't think we should over scrutinize every line or every verb and apostrophe in that speech Kennedy 20 years ago did say yes the torch was being passed to a new generation he ended up in Vietnam and a lot of bourbon and racial unrest one reagan speaks about his Crusades almost giving the hope or the thought that a man and administration can change the current of history but as I was listening to through down here in the floor in the crowd I felt yes we'd like to believe that but in the end events are controlling men more than in our controlling events or at least as far as we speak of the in the White House and if Ronald Reagan is elected no matter what he said tonight he is gonna have to face his same currents of history and very hard to carry some kind of emotional crusade against it but I think the emotional impact was there tonight and that after all is well an acceptance speech is all about Chris this was really it seemed to me that the night when the Republican convention worked the way that Ronald Reagan wanted it to work they were very upset on Tuesday night when they went well past midnight and had to actually cancel or postpone the the keynote address and then of course everybody was upset in the Reagan campaign about the turmoil of yesterday tonight everything went on and off on time and they seemed very concerned about that as if you can run a convention on schedule you can run a country and Reagan did hit all of the the key points he he wanted to hit in

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the key points he he wanted to hit in his in his acceptance speech he very consciously reached out to blacks and to women he very consciously said that he is not an ideologue he's not a war monger he really made the points he wanted to make and I think they felt the Reagan people felt that he had made a successful appeal to the independence and Democrats that he's going to need if he's going to have the chance to govern the country come next year and without being histrionic he hit on those very issues that had served him so well

and without getting into specifics during this primary the growth of government he said there were deer fries he talked about the tax cut but I guess most important of all what he did was offer hope as a kind of counterpoint to administration that is now saying that there are so many problems that it's very hard to deal with him in a year ago an administration that was saying that America has lost confidence in itself and that we have a malaise in the land and what he was saying is that that's not true that we can go on to indeed this crusade and you notice the tone of his voice he didn't reach out and play the audience were overplay it was a well modulated tone man who knows how to do that extremely well as for the convention itself I guess it reminds me of a car that starts off on a very smooth trip well planned everything is going well and last night had hit a patch of ice and it began to veer a little bit out of control and they finally got it back under control and they're back on the road again and we don't think that there was any damage to the structure of the car but we'll have to wait and find out how that works how do you like to have a metaphor Pettit that's all right I don't pretend to understand what has happened here this week it's a very difficult political psychological process that's occurred yesterday the situation existed in which the most interesting political activity I've seen or heard about it years occurred outside the convention hall what went on inside the hall was nothing all the activity was outside I don't understand that and I don't understand fully the crusade that Reagan began here tonight I was on the podium

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began here tonight I was on the podium anthem talking to him after he spoke and he was moved to the point of being choked up at the conclusion of his moment of silent prayer and he expressed the conviction that he had come very far in his life to witness Republican nomination and it seemed to me that that perhaps as part of the psychology of Ronald Reagan is that as Richard Nixon wrote in his own autobiography for a boy from a small town I have now come farther than I had ever expected to come so getting the nomination is a very large thing for Ronald ray the speech was interesting number one in the world that sort of symbolized with the Reagan campaign or crusade as he calls it is all about in my opinion and that is a return to a world situation of about 1946 prior to the Soviet development of the hydrogen bomb when the United States had clear superiority over every nation in the world including the Soviet Union and the buck was worth a buck that's what the Reagan campaign in my opinion is about thank you gentlemen I also want to thank you and David joins me in a very good job under quite difficult circumstances I thought I thought you're excellent all of you Thank You ticularly last night when none of you was taken in by that story about the Ford dealer having been made I think you were alone alone and not being taken in by I thought it was terrific in your the four best I thank you two cents worth and occurred to me governor Reagan ended his speech with the 1932 speech of Franklin Roosevelt a famous speech in which Franklin Roosevelt talked about cutting down government offices as he put it cutting down the size of government it somehow ironic to me that Ronald Reagan would use that particular example because Franklin Roosevelt as we

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example because Franklin Roosevelt as we all knew oversaw the greatest expansion of federal power in the country's history and I found it unusual at the end of Reagan's speech there was a strange ending for a Republican speech to use quotes from a speech by Roosevelt which he used strictly to get elected and the best scholars of the period think he never had any idea of doing that in the first place political speech to attract votes why people in the depression depths of the depression in 1933 r32 were so concerned about government being cut when in those days that didn't amount to anything anyway I've always wondered I may never know we'll have a few more smart alligator remarks here in a minute and we'll be back two or three small points to make here one is that it was notable that during four days of oratory and conversation we never heard Richard Milhous Nixon 's name mentioned once another is that in my opinion and I think John would agree Detroit has done a splendid job being a host city to the convention people here have been extremely friendly helpful and in general it has worked and we have seen tonight the beginning of the 1980 campaign all these people in the hall political activists will now go out to work for the Reagan ticket and the Democrats later they will all go out to fundraisers and cocktail parties and chicken dinners anise and a chicken and peas is kind of unsettling to contemplate how many chickens have laid down their lives in the

service of American politics that's about all I have to say John when when David leaves the booth here he's going to the Detroit Plaza Hotel to have his picture taken with Ronald Reagan actually a cardboard cutout of Ronald Reagan they have it in

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cutout of Ronald Reagan they have it in the lobby and you can pay \$5 and have your picture taken with it young girl in the middle of a demonstration here tonight held up a sign and it said mom send money we can understand that we're going to show you the names now the people who really made this possible we have fun and sit here and we are supported by an incredibly agile intelligent wonderful crew of all kinds of people and and we are terribly grateful to them and we'd like to show you their names now quite a bunch here they are they're all great

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